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State reports 1st monkeypox case

New Haven County man isolating, not hospitalized

By Mike Mavredakis
Hartford Courant

The state Department of Public Health Tuesday announced the first case of monkeypox in a Connecticut resident.

The patient is a male between the ages of 40 and 49 and is a resident of New Haven County, according to the agency. The

patient is isolating and has not been hospitalized. No other patient information will be released, the agency said.

“DPH believes that the risk to Connecticut residents from this case is low,” said Connecticut Department of Public Health commissioner Manisha Juthani.

“The clear message right now is that the risk to the general public is pretty low,” Juthani told reporters in Waterbury following an unrelated event. “I know a lot of people are tired of hearing about viruses.

They’re tired of hearing about a new virus.”

Noting cases in Massachusetts, Rhode Island and New York, she said that a case in Connecticut was inevitable.

“What the general population should know is that the main way that people are getting monkeypox is through close contact with skin — with direct lesions,” Juthani said.

“In terms of the general population, I don’t think you need to be overly concerned,” Juthani said

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with Gov. Ned Lamont standing next to her.

Dr. Ulysses Wu, chief epidemiologist at Hartford HealthCare, said Tuesday it’s important to be educated on monkeypox, but people should not have it at the top

of their minds.

“They should know about it from a public health perspective, because the only way to stop this is being educated from the public health side,” Wu said. “So we don’t want to ostrich this, and by that I mean we shouldn’t put our heads in the sand, because this is certainly a disease that is affecting thousands of people around the world at this point.”

Juthani said the United States is

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U.S. SUPREME COURT

Justices’ decisions draw protest



Protesters march from the Hartford Municipal Building on Tuesday to protest the recent rulings handed down by the U.S. Supreme Court. On the heels of a decision overturning Roe v. Wade and its constitutional protection for abortion, the court suppressed the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency’s power to regulate fossil fuels in a 6-3 vote. **DOUGLAS HOOK/HARTFORD COURANT**

HHS chief given plea on access to abortion

At Waterbury clinic, Dems issue request to declare emergency

By Christopher Keating
Hartford Courant

WATERBURY — Abortion supporters called Tuesday for President Joe Biden to declare a national public health emergency to make it easier to obtain an abortion.

Top Democratic officials gathered at a Planned Parenthood clinic in Waterbury to deliver the message to Xavier Becerra, a former California attorney general who is now the nation’s health and human services secretary.

U.S. Sen. Richard Blumenthal said the declaration could allow telehealth visits for patients to obtain prescriptions for abortion pills that would be sent through the U.S. Mail to states “where that right has been eliminated at clinics.”

After the U.S. Supreme Court’s recent 6-3 ruling that overturned the landmark Roe v. Wade abortion ruling, officials say that abortion will be illegal in about half the states and legal in the other half. State officials told Becerra repeatedly during two roundtables and a press conference that they will continue fighting to ensure that abortion remains legal in Connecticut.

“Governor Lamont, I’ve got to say, were every state like Connecticut ... we would be far better off,” Becerra said to Lamont during the roundtable at the clinic that was attended by a handful of reporters.

Becerra said later, “If you live in the great state of Connecticut, congratulations.”

Amanda Skinner, president and chief executive officer of Planned Parenthood of Southern New England, raised the issue of a public health emergency during the roundtable with Becerra, Blumenthal, Lamont, and more than 20 advocates that included state legislators and health care professionals.

“Here at Planned Parenthood, we are devastated, we are heart-

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Inflation complicates public works projects

With billions committed to Connecticut plans, prices are likely to rise

By Stephen Singer
Hartford Courant

Inflation threatens to erode the value of billions of dollars committed to build roads, bridges and other public works, forcing Connecticut transportation officials to compress their time horizon when calculating project costs.

Rising costs are particularly worrisome with the state set to

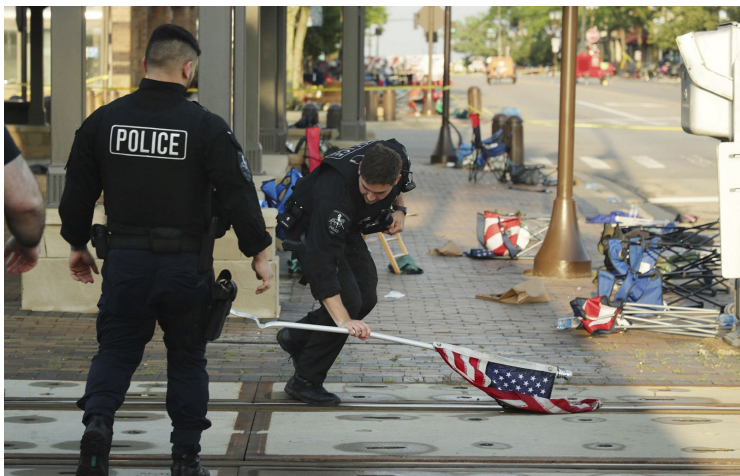
receive more than \$5 billion over five years from Washington in the federal Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act. President Joe Biden signed the legislation in November, committing more than \$1 trillion to the states and other jurisdictions for roads, water projects, railways, airports, broadband internet, electric grids and green-energy projects.

“The inability to get specific materials and the rising costs of virtually everything are challenges we must face,” Josh D.

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The aging elevated highway, or viaduct, through Hartford is one of Connecticut’s biggest transportation problems. Federal funding will go toward studying the problem. **COURANT FILE PHOTO**



A police officer picks up an American flag Tuesday at the Highland Park, Ill., shooting scene. **STACEY WESCOTT/CHICAGO TRIBUNE**

Parade shooting suspect charged

Death toll at 7 after July Fourth attack in suburban Chicago

By Michael Tarm, Kathleen Foody and Stephen Groves
Associated Press

HIGHLAND PARK, Ill. — The man charged Tuesday with seven counts of murder for opening fire at an Independence Day parade in suburban Chicago legally bought five weapons, including two high-powered rifles, despite

authorities being called to his home twice in 2019 for threats of violence and suicide, police said.

Lake County State’s Attorney Eric Rinehart called the Monday rampage allegedly committed by the suspect, Robert “Bobby” E. Crimo III, 21, a “premeditated and calculated attack” and promised that dozens more charges would be sought.

The suspect, if convicted of the murder charges, would receive a mandatory life sentence without the possibility of parole, Rinehart added.

Crimo’s attorney, Thomas Durkin, said he intends to enter a not guilty plea to all charges.

Asked about his client’s emotional state, Durkin said he has spoken to Crimo only once — for 10 minutes by phone.

He declined to comment further.

A spokesman for the Lake County Major Crime Task Force said the suspected shooter, who was arrested late Monday, used a rifle “similar to an AR-15” to spray over 70 rounds from atop a

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One dead, five hurt in Hartford weekend gun violence

As fireworks boomed across the sky over the Fourth of July weekend, gunshots rang out over and over in Hartford, leaving one woman dead and five others injured. **Connecticut, Page 1**

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broken, and we are ready to fight like hell,” Skinner said. “We know that abortion bans disproportionately harm Black women, Latino people, indigenous people, other people of color, people who have low incomes and people who live in rural communities.”

When asked by The Courant, Becerra did not publicly commit on having the Biden administration declare an emergency but said he was open to the idea.

“We are looking at a number of things that we can do,” Becerra said. “We’re going to do everything we can. ... We want to make sure that what we say we will do, we will do. We don’t want to spread any misinformation. We want to make sure that when people hear what we say, we will follow through.”

“What the Supreme Court did, it took a 50-year-old right and flushed it down the toilet,” he said.

U.S. Rep. Jahana Hayes, who invited Becerra to Waterbury, was emotional as she talked about “a moving and impactful conversation”



U.S. Health and Human Services Secretary Xavier Becerra, who previously served as California’s attorney general, came to Waterbury on Tuesday for two roundtables on the Supreme Court’s decision to overturn the Roe v. Wade landmark abortion ruling. **PATRICK SEMANSKY/AP**

with patients at the clinic.

“Black maternal health ... is so important,” Hayes said. “It wasn’t until I went to Congress that I realized and was educated on how many women are dying in childbirth or immediately after — and how many of those women come from Black and brown communities because they lack educa-

tion and access.”

As the first Black woman representing Connecticut in Congress, Hayes said she will continue fighting for women across the state.

“I was talking to patients who were me,” Hayes said after the meeting. “The stories that they were telling were the same stories of 25 years ago, which means that

a lot still hasn’t changed. We cannot go back. Every single one of us has a responsibility and an obligation in our respective roles, no matter what that role is, to make sure that we are moving forward.”

During her remarks, Hayes turned to Lamont and thanked him for repeatedly speaking out since the ruling

was released. She noted that the Supreme Court ruling was released on a Friday, and Lamont already had a campaign commercial ready to be broadcast by Sunday.

“I’m taken aback by how passionate you are on this issue,” Hayes told Lamont.

Lamont has vowed at press conferences that he and Lt. Gov. Susan Bysiewicz, a longtime supporter of abortion rights, would battle back against attempts to change the 1990 state law that has codified the Roe v. Wade decision.

While many top Democratic officials have denounced the Supreme Court ruling, the Family Institute of Connecticut has praised the decision.

“This is the victory the pro-life movement has worked for these past 49 years,” the group said on its Facebook page. “We should celebrate it. And prepare ourselves for the battles that still lie ahead here in Connecticut.”

Peter Wolfgang, the institute’s longtime executive director, recently cited House Bill 5414 because some members of the legislature’s Black and Puerto Rican Caucus spoke

passionately against the bill. The measure passed by 87-60 in the state House of Representatives and 25-9 in the Senate in late April before it was signed into law by Lamont. Lawmakers noted that Black women make up only 12% of the population but have 38% of abortions.

Wolfgang said on the institute’s website that he had never given up hope, saying he had spoken on the issue with longtime conservative radio host Brad Davis, who is now deceased.

“Peter,” he said to me, “Do you think Roe v. Wade will be overturned someday?” Wolfgang recalled. “I’m telling you Peter, it will never happen!”

But Wolfgang said that he answered yes 15 years ago, and does not rule out changes now in his home state.

“Now they tell us that legal abortion will always be a thing in Connecticut,” Wolfgang said. “We don’t know what the future holds. But just remember: They said the same thing about Roe v. Wade.”

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commercial building into a crowd that had gathered for the parade in Highland Park, an affluent community of about 30,000 on the Lake Michigan shore.

Police said they went to the suspect’s home in September 2019 after a family member called to say he was threatening “to kill everyone” there.

Task force spokesman Christopher Covelli said police confiscated 16 knives, a dagger and a sword, but said there was no sign he had any guns at the time.

The suspect legally purchased the rifle used in the attack in Illinois within the past year, Covelli said. In

all, police said, he purchased five firearms, which were recovered by officers at his father’s home.

Police in April 2019 also responded to a reported suicide attempt by the suspect, Covelli said. Officers determined that the matter was being handled by mental health professionals.

Illinois state police, who issue gun owners’ licenses, said that the gunman applied for a license in December 2019, when he was 19.

His father, Bob, a longtime deli owner who ran for mayor in 2019, sponsored his application.

At the time “there was insufficient basis to establish a clear and present danger” and deny the application, state police said in a statement.

Under Illinois law, gun purchases can be denied to people convicted of felonies, addicted to narcotics or those who are termed “mental defectives” and capable of harming themselves or others. That might have stopped a suicidal Crimo from getting a weapon. But under the law, just who is a “mental defective” must be decided by “a court, board, commission or other legal authority.”

The state has a so-called red flag law designed to stop dangerous people before they kill, but it requires family members, relatives, roommates or police to ask a judge to order that guns be seized.

The day after the shooting, authorities reported the death of a seventh person.

Over three dozen other people were wounded in the attack, which Covelli said the suspect had planned for several weeks.

Investigators who have interrogated the suspect and reviewed his social media posts have not determined a motive for the attack or found any indication that he targeted victims by race, religion or other protected status, Covelli said.

Earlier in the day, FBI agents searched for more evidence at the site where the assailant opened fire. The shots were initially mistaken for fireworks before hundreds of revelers fled in terror.

David Shapiro, 47, said the spray of gunfire quickly turned the parade into “chaos.”

“People didn’t know right away where the gunfire was coming from, whether the gunman was in front or behind you chasing you,” he said Tuesday as he retrieved a stroller and lawn chairs.

A police officer pulled over the suspect north of the shooting scene several hours after police released his photo and warned that he was likely armed and dangerous, Highland Park Police Chief Lou Jogmen said.

After evading initial capture by dressing as a woman and blending into the fleeing crowd, Crimo drove to the Madison, Wisconsin, area, then returned to Illinois, Covelli said.

The shooting occurred at a spot on the parade route

where many residents had staked out prime viewing points early in the day.

Among them was Nicolas Toledo, who was visiting his family in Illinois from Mexico, and Jacki Sundheim, a lifelong congregant and staff member at nearby North Shore Congregation Israel.

The Lake County coroner released the names of four other victims: 64-year-old Katherine Goldstein, 35-year-old Irina McCarthy, 37-year-old Kevin McCarthy and 88-year-old Stephen Straus.

Nine people, ranging from 14 to 70, remained hospitalized Tuesday, hospital officials said.

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Health experts address monkeypox questions

By Ahjané Forbes
Hartford Courant

With California and New York leading with the most monkeypox cases in the United States, Connecticut has announced its first case in the state.

According to the Connecticut Department of Public Health, the patient is a New Haven County man between the ages of 40 to 49. He has not been hospitalized and is currently in isolation.

Hartford HealthCare has been watching the threads of monkeypox closely and wants their patients to know the hospital is prepared to help anyone that has the virus.

“We have to make sure that outreach to those patient populations, those who may be at highest risk for getting it, is most important, but from the laboratory and hospital, diagnosis side as well as treatment, we are certainly prepared for it,”

said Dr. Ulysses Wu, chief epidemiologist at Hartford HealthCare. “But the first step of this is really community education and outreach to make sure that the correct patient populations that may be of highest risk are aware.”

Yale New Haven Hospital has a medical electronic system that will alert their frontline staff if a person is arriving with the virus.

“We actually have a step-by-step algorithm of what to do and how to handle it when that patient does come in, we do feel very confident in our ability to respond appropriately to a monkeypox patient coming in,” said Dr. Scott Roberts, associate medical director for infection prevention at Yale New Haven Hospital. “And we also feel that we have the capabilities to protect our healthcare workers when these patients do arrive.”

Discovered in the 1950s, the first human monkeypox case was found in the Democratic Republic of the Congo

in 1970. Although the main source of the virus is not known, African monkeys and rodents can transmit the virus to people if infected, according to the Center for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC).

Symptoms of monkeypox include backache, chills, exhaustion, fever, headache, muscle aches, a rash (can look like a blister or pimple) that appears all over the body and swollen lymph nodes.

Data shows that bisexual and gay men are at the highest risk of getting the virus, according to the CDC.

Wu warns that even though the CDC has the numbers to prove this finding, everyone should beware of the signs and symptoms of monkeypox since the virus is not centralized to one specific gender.

“I’m very cautious to say that that’s the population that we should be focused on,” Wu said. “We should certainly be focused on that

to a certain extent, but I don’t want other people to think that they cannot get it. It does happen in other patient populations.”

Roberts also advises that even though the CDC states that the virus can be transmitted by sexual intercourse, everyone should be cautious.

“My strong suspicion is that this is not primarily a sexually transmitted disease. I believe it usually requires close to prolonged contact to transmit through either contact with one of the infected lesions. Or what we suspect is probably if there [are] lesions in the mouth, even kissing to do it,” Robert said.

“I strongly suspect that the reason we’re seeing it in the MSM [men that have sex with men] community is much more so linked to social circles and close social networks, where the virus is being transmitted, as opposed to this being restricted just to the

MSM community through sexual transmission. I do suspect that the majority of transmission is just close, prolonged contact with an infected individual that probably occurs through contact with an infected lesion or a rash on somebody’s body, which really sheds the virus.”

Studies have shown that monkeypox is linked to the Orthopoxvirus genus, which is also found in smallpox and cowpox. Even though the viruses are similar, they are not the same.

“The infectivity of smallpox is much greater than that for monkeypox. Even though they’re in the same genus, and they’d have the same rash, that’s kind of where the similarities will end,” Wu said.

As the number of COVID-19 cases decrease in Connecticut, many are concerned with the potential interaction of the two viruses. With monkeypox, there is a longer wait period

to know if you have the virus.

“COVID is as short as three days, actually even shorter. The average time is three days. So if somebody coughs on you, you probably won’t have symptoms [until] three days later,” Roberts said. “With monkeypox, it’s actually one to two weeks and even up to three weeks. So that buys a lot of time to do vaccinations in people who were exposed but aren’t yet having symptoms.”

To respond to the current monkeypox outbreak, the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services ordered an additional 2.5 million doses of Bavarian Nordic’s JYNNEOS, an FDA-licensed vaccine used for smallpox and monkeypox.

Although the CDC does not recommend widespread vaccination against monkeypox yet, people who may have been exposed to the virus are encouraged to get the vaccine between four and 14 days of exposure.

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experiencing a monkeypox outbreak, and “there will likely be additional cases in Connecticut in the weeks ahead.

“Monkeypox can spread through close prolonged contact with an infected person,” she said. “This might include coming into contact with skin lesions, or body fluids, sharing clothes or other materials that have been used by an infected person, or inhaling respiratory droplets during prolonged face-to-face contact”

Dr. Scott Roberts, associate medical director for infection prevention at Yale New Haven Hospital, said he thinks the risk for the general public “remains quite low” at this time, but he does expect numbers to rise since there have been more cases detected in New York City.

“A lot of our efforts, at least at the hospital, and what we’re educating people who may be at risk for monkeypox is really to focus on good core practices at prevent-

ing the spread of infection through touch,” Roberts said. “So hand hygiene, washing your hands.”

Roberts advised that people avoid touching any open lesions or exposed rashes. If someone is around a person with monkeypox, it is best to wear a mask, he said. Anyone who is exposed should isolate and monitor symptoms and if they develop then seek medical attention.

DPH said that the agency has in the last month “raised awareness of monkeypox among higher risk populations, alerted and educated local medical professionals, and informed local health departments throughout the state to monitor for cases.”

“For Connecticut residents that are concerned about fever, swollen glands, and a new rash, please contact your health care provider for evaluation,” the agency said.

The agency said that health care providers should request orthopoxvirus testing for patients at the state public health laboratory by calling the DPH Epidemiology Program at (860) 509-7994.

Monkeypox is a viral

disease that occurs mostly in central and western Africa. It got its name because it was first identified in laboratory monkeys in the early 1950s. The first human case of monkeypox was recorded in 1970 in the Democratic Republic of the Congo (DRC) during a period of intensified effort to eliminate smallpox.

The virus is closely related to the smallpox virus which was eradicated from the United States in the 1970s and officially declared eradicated by the World Health Assembly in 1980.

“This is not an unknown virus. This is a well understood pathogen and it’s doing exactly what we expected it would do,” said Dr. Anne Rimoin, UCLA Fielding School of Public Health, speaking during a panel discussion hosted by the Yale Institute for Global Health last month. “Our African colleagues have been seeing monkeypox for a while in places that it is endemic. Now we’re just seeing it on a larger scale. We know where it comes from but it’s just always been low on the list of priorities. The squeaky wheel gets the

grease but monkeypox was never high enough on the list.”

People become infected with the monkeypox virus through contact with the bodily fluids of infected animals or humans, including respiratory droplets, or through contact with materials contaminated with the virus.

Monkeypox spreads most easily through direct contact with infectious sores, scabs, or body fluids but it also can be spread by respiratory secretions during prolonged, face-to-face contact.

“While touch is the primary way it spreads, it can spread through droplet transmission as well,” Roberts said. “The good news is that it does not transmit as well as COVID. We have all heard of the 6-foot, 15-minute rule of transmissibility for COVID-19 but for monkeypox it is more like 6-foot, three hours. So it really requires prolonged contact.”

The CDC has also warned that it can be transmissible during intimate contact between people, including during sex, as well as activities like kissing, cuddling, or

touching.

The CDC estimated the incubation period (time from infection to symptoms) for monkeypox is usually four to seven days but can range from five to 21 days.

“This can make it difficult for someone to know if they have the virus,” Roberts said last month. “But usually symptoms begin as a fever and turn into a rash within a few days. Once you start experiencing symptoms it is important to see your medical provider right away.”

Monkeypox begins with fever, headache, muscle aches, and exhaustion. The main difference between symptoms of smallpox and monkeypox is that monkeypox causes lymph nodes to swell while smallpox does not. Within 1 to 3 days after the appearance of fever, the patient develops a rash, often beginning on the face then spreading to other parts of the body.

Roberts said he’s already seen this disease begin to get stigmatized in a similar way to how HIV/AIDS was. He emphasized that there is not only one population that is at risk and there are questions about whether it is sexually

transmitted.

“It’s really critical if you do think you have monkeypox, seek evaluation with your health care provider because we do have testing available,” Roberts said to those who may not seek medical attention due to possible stigmatization of monkeypox. “Importantly, we want to know if you’re positive because if you’ve had other close contacts that can be vaccinated and really prevent disease entirely if you’re vaccinated soon enough.”

Wu also highlighted that this disease is not only transmitted through sexual contact and there are other ways to get it. Even with this, though, people should take the similar public health measures that they would to avoid sexually transmitted diseases such as gonorrhea, chlamydia, HIV and others, he said.

For more information about monkeypox, visit Monkeypox | Poxvirus | CDC at <https://www.cdc.gov/poxvirus/monkeypox/index.html>.

Christopher Keating contributed to this story.

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Morgan, spokesman for the Connecticut Department of Transportation, said in an emailed statement.

Over the last three years, supply chain problems and inflation have increased costs, he said, without citing specific projects. Items such as electrical equipment, steel, concrete and asphalt can cost 10% to 20% more than a few years ago, he said.

Bids are coming in higher than estimates due to increased costs and lack of supply for particular materials.

To help plan for problems caused by inflation, the Department of Transportation no longer uses a three-year price history when figuring out a project estimate, Morgan said. Officials instead use a price history extending back six to 12 months when calculating estimates to make sure projects move forward as planned and on schedule, he said.

U.S. Sens. Richard Blumenthal and Chris Murphy announced in August 2021 that Connecticut would receive about \$5.4 billion over five years.

It includes \$3.3 billion for major road projects, \$1.3 billion for buses and railroads, \$561 million to strengthen bridges and \$100 million for extending computer broadband cover-



An 18-wheeler passes under the new ramp off I-91 to the Charter Oak Bridge and I-84 East. COURANT FILE PHOTO

age around the state and to low-income families.

Blumenthal acknowledged Wednesday “there is certainly a concern about inflation and its impact and the adequacy of investment in infrastructure.” But construction projects have multi-year timelines and may not be threatened by inflation that he’s confident will soon be brought under control by the Federal Reserve as it raises interest

rates.

Inflation, which reached 8.6% in May, the highest in more than 40 years, is sapping consumers’ purchasing power at the supermarket, gas pump and at retailers online and at the mall. Rapidly rising prices and the corrosive effect on Americans’ paychecks are putting Democrats on the defensive just four months before elections that will decide whether they keep

their slim majorities in the House and Senate or Republicans take over.

The price hikes are driven by several factors, including worldwide supply-chain backlogs, strong consumer and business spending in the U.S. and Russia’s invasion of Ukraine. Critics say federal energy and fiscal policies, particularly government spending, including the infrastructure program, is contributing to

inflation.

Ben Johnston, chief operating officer at Kapitus, a New York financing company serving businesses, particularly small businesses in industries such as construction, retail and health care, identified four forms of inflation.

Wages are rising in response to a “very hot labor market” and worker shortages, he said. The cost of goods is rising, prompting

businesses and individuals to make bulk purchases and find other strategies, rent and facilities costs are rising and capital costs are climbing as interest rates rise, he said.

“Certainly it’s a very large and substantial amount of capital going into infrastructure,” Johnston said.

“However, as costs rise across the board, those dollars won’t be able to go as far given the high and considerable increase in costs for many of the raw materials that are going into construction broadly,” he said.

Construction projects now being identified and assigned in the next few years will be affected “if inflation is not brought under control in the next year or two,” he said.

Joe Toner, executive director of the Connecticut State Building Trades council, said supply chain problems have shaped up as equally important as inflation. But unions have benefited because they can dispatch larger work crews more quickly than nonunion labor to developers and builders shut by COVID-19 and supply shortages and looking to quickly resume work, he said.

“We can double down, triple down and push the project out for them,” Toner said.

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WAR IN UKRAINE

Russia reckons with victory's cost

Analysts doubt that invaders are ready to extend offensive

Associated Press

After more than four months of ferocious fighting, Russia claimed a key victory with full control over one of the two provinces in Ukraine's eastern heartland. But Moscow's seizure of the last major stronghold of Ukrainian resistance in Luhansk province came at a steep price. The crucial question now is whether Russia can muster enough strength for a new offensive to complete its capture of the Donbas region and make gains elsewhere in Ukraine. "Yes, the Russians have seized the Luhansk region, but at what price?" asked Oleh Zhdanov, a military analyst in Ukraine, noting that some Russian units involved in the battle lost up to half their soldiers.

Even President Vladimir Putin acknowledged Monday that Russian troops involved in action in Luhansk need to "take some rest and beef up their combat capability."

Russian Defense Minister Sergei Shoigu said Tuesday that Moscow's main priorities are "preserving the lives and health" of its troops and "excluding the threat to the security of civilians."

That raises doubts about whether Moscow's forces and their separatist allies are ready to quickly thrust deeper into Donetsk, the other province that makes up the Donbas. Observers estimated in recent weeks that Russia controlled about half of Donetsk, and battle



lines have changed little since then.

Donetsk Gov. Pavlo Kyrylenko urged 350,000 people to evacuate the province to save lives and to enable the Ukrainian army to better defend towns from the Russian advance.

"The destiny of the whole country will be decided by the Donetsk region," he said in Kramatorsk, the province's administrative center and home to the Ukrainian military's regional headquarters. "Once there are less people, we will be able to concentrate more on our enemy and perform our main tasks."

The governor's call

appeared to represent one of the biggest suggested evacuations of the war. According to the U.N. refugee agency, more than 7.1 million Ukrainians are estimated to be displaced within Ukraine, and more than 4.8 million refugees left the country since Russia's invasion started Feb. 24.

Ukrainian President Volodymyr Zelenskyy said air alerts were issued Tuesday night in nearly all of the country, in many places after a long period of relative calm during which people searched for an explanation.

"You should not look for logic in the actions of terrorists," Zelenskyy said in his

nightly video address. "The Russian army does not take any breaks. It has one task to take people's lives, to intimidate people so that even a few days without an air alarm already feel like part of the terror."

Much of the military activity appeared concentrated in Ukraine's east. The Kramatorsk governor said that because they house critical infrastructure such as water filtration plants, Russia's main targets are now his city and Sloviansk located 10 miles to the north.

Kyrylenko described the shelling as "very chaotic" without "a specific target

... only to destroy civilian infrastructure and residential areas."

Sloviansk also came under sustained bombardment Tuesday. Mayor Vadim Lyakh said on Facebook that "massive shelling" pummeled the city, which had a population of about 107,000 before Russian invaded Ukraine.

The mayor, who urged residents hours earlier to evacuate, advised them to take cover in shelters.

At least one person was killed and seven were wounded Tuesday, Lyakh said. He said the city's central market and several districts came under attack,

adding that authorities were assessing the extent of the damage.

The barrage targeting Sloviansk indicated Russian forces were advancing farther into the Donbas, a mostly Russian-speaking industrial area where the country's most experienced soldiers are concentrated.

Sloviansk has previously taken rocket and artillery fire during Russia's war in Ukraine, but the bombardment picked up in recent days after Moscow took the last major city in neighboring Luhansk province, Lyakh said.

"It's important to evacuate as many people as possible," he warned Tuesday morning, adding that shelling damaged 40 houses on Monday.

The Ukrainian military withdrew its troops Sunday from the city of Lysychansk to keep them from being surrounded. Russia's defense minister and Putin said the city's subsequent capture put Moscow in control of all of Luhansk, one of two provinces that make up the Donbas, but the regional governor said Tuesday that fighting was continuing on Lysychansk's outskirts.

He also said Russian forces were moving weaponry to Donetsk.

Meanwhile, Moscow-installed officials in Ukraine's southern Kherson region on Tuesday announced the formation of a new regional government, with a former Russian official at the helm.

It wasn't immediately clear what would become of the "military-civil administration" the Kremlin installed earlier.

UK Cabinet officials quit as new scandal emerges

Johnson again under fire amid claims he lied about appointee

By Danica Kirka
Associated Press

LONDON — Two of Britain's most senior Cabinet ministers resigned Tuesday, a move that could spell the end of Prime Minister Boris Johnson's leadership after months of scandals.

Treasury chief Rishi Sunak and Health Secretary Sajid Javid resigned within minutes of each other after a day in which the prime minister was forced to acknowledge he had to change his story on the way he handled allegations of sexual misconduct by a senior member of his government.

"It is with enormous regret that I must tell you that I can no longer, in good conscience, continue serving in this government," Javid said in his resignation letter. "I am instinctively a team player but the British people also rightly expect integrity from their government."

Sunak said "the public rightly expect government to be conducted properly, competently and seriously." "I recognize this may be

my last ministerial job, but I believe these standards are worth fighting for and that is why I am resigning," he added.

Sunak and Javid have been seen as possible leadership contenders within the Conservative Party if Johnson is forced out. Both were in charge of two of the biggest issues facing Britain right now — the cost-of-living crisis and the aftermath of the coronavirus pandemic.

The latest scandal saw Johnson hit by allegations he failed to come clean about a lawmaker appointed to a senior position despite claims of sexual misconduct.

Johnson has faced pressure to explain what he knew about previous misconduct allegations against lawmaker Chris Pincher, who resigned as deputy chief whip Thursday amid complaints that he groped two men at a private club.

Minutes before the resignations of Javid and Sunak were announced, Johnson said Pincher should have been fired from the government after a previous 2019 incident.

Asked if it was an error to appoint Pincher, Johnson said, "I think it was a mistake and I apologize for it. In hindsight it was the

wrong thing to do."

The government's explanation shifted repeatedly in the past five days. Ministers initially said Johnson wasn't aware of any allegations when he promoted Pincher to the post in February.

On Monday, a spokesman said Johnson knew of sexual misconduct allegations that were "either resolved or did not progress to a formal complaint."

That didn't sit well with Simon McDonald, the most senior civil servant at the U.K. Foreign Office from 2015 to 2020. In a highly unusual move, he said Tuesday that the prime minister's office still wasn't telling the truth.

McDonald said in a letter to the parliamentary commissioner for standards that he received complaints about Pincher's behavior in the summer of 2019, shortly after Pincher became a Foreign Office minister. An investigation upheld the complaint, and Pincher apologized, McDonald said.

McDonald disputed that Johnson was unaware of the allegations or that the complaints were dismissed because they had been resolved or not made formally.

"The original No. 10 line is not true, and the modifi-



Boris Johnson's tenure as Britain's prime minister is under fire after senior Cabinet officials Sajid Javid, left, and Rishi Sunak resigned minutes apart Tuesday. TOBY MELVILLE/PA IMAGES

cation is still not accurate," McDonald wrote, referring to the prime minister's Downing Street office. "Mr. Johnson was briefed in person about the initiation and outcome of the investigation."

Hours after McDonald's comments came out, Johnson's office changed its story again, saying the prime minister forgot he was told that Pincher was the subject of an official complaint.

The Times of London on Tuesday published an analysis of the situation under the headline "Claim of lying

puts Boris Johnson in peril."

Johnson's authority was shaken by a no-confidence vote last month. He survived, but 41% of Conservatives voted to remove him from office.

The prime minister's shifting responses to months of allegations about lockdown-breaking parties in government offices that ultimately resulted in 126 fines, including one levied against Johnson, fueled concerns about his leadership.

Two weeks later, Conservative candidates were badly beaten in two special elec-

tions to fill vacant seats in Parliament.

When Pincher resigned last week, he told the prime minister that he "drank far too much" the previous night and had "embarrassed myself and other people."

Johnson initially refused to suspend Pincher from the Conservative Party, but he relented after a formal complaint about the groping allegations was filed.

Critics suggested Johnson was slow to react because he didn't want to be in the position of forcing Pincher to resign his Parliament seat.



NATO Secretary-General Jens Stoltenberg, center, recognizes the "historic moment" with foreign ministers Pekka Haavisto of Finland and Ann Linde of Sweden. OLIVIER MATTHYS/AP

NATO approves protocols for Sweden, Finland

By Raf Casert
Associated Press

BRUSSELS — The 30 NATO allies signed off on the accession protocols for Sweden and Finland on Tuesday, sending the membership bids of the two nations to the alliance capitals for legislative approvals — and possible political trouble in Turkey.

The move further increases Russia's strategic isolation after its invasion of neighboring Ukraine in

February.

"This is truly a historic moment for Finland, for Sweden and for NATO," said Secretary-General Jens Stoltenberg.

The 30 ambassadors and permanent representatives formally approved decisions made at a NATO summit in Madrid last week, when the leaders of member nations invited Finland and Sweden to join the military club.

Securing parliamentary approval for the new members in Turkey,

however, could still pose a problem even though Sweden, Finland and Turkey reached a memorandum of understanding at the Madrid summit.

Turkish President Recep Tayyip Erdogan warned that Ankara could block the process if the two countries failed to grant Turkey's demands for the extradition of people it views as terror suspects. The people wanted in Turkey have links to outlawed Kurdish groups or the network of an exiled

cleric accused of a failed 2016 coup in Turkey.

He said Turkey's Parliament could refuse to ratify the deal. It is a potent threat since NATO accession must be formally approved by all 30 member states, which gives each a blocking right.

Stoltenberg said he expected no change of heart.

"There were security concerns that needed to be addressed. And we did what we always do at NATO. We found common ground," he said.

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NEWS BRIEFING

Trump-era rollbacks on endangered species thrown out by judge

From news services

WASHINGTON — A federal judge Tuesday threw out a host of actions by the Trump administration to roll back protections for endangered or threatened species, a year after the Biden administration said it was moving to strengthen species protections weakened under former President Donald Trump.

U.S. District Judge Jon Tigar in Northern California eliminated the Trump-era rules even as two wildlife agencies under President Joe Biden are reviewing or rescinding the Trump-era regulations. The decision restores a range of protections under the Endangered Species Act — including some that date to the 1970s — while the reviews are completed.

Tigar's ruling "spoke for species desperately in need of comprehensive federal protections without compromise," said Kristen Boyles, an attorney for the environmental group Earthjustice.

The ruling comes as the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service and National Marine Fisheries Service review five Endangered Species Act regulations finalized by the Trump administration, including critical habitat designations and rules requiring federal agencies to consult with other agencies before taking action on threatened or endangered species.

Fish and Wildlife also will reinstate the decades-old "blanket rule," which mandates additional protections for species newly classified as threatened. Those protections were removed under Trump.

Critical habitat designations for threatened or endangered species can result in limitations on energy development such

as mining or oil drilling that could disturb a vulnerable species, while the consultation rule, and a separate rule on the scope of proposed federal actions, helps determine how far the government may go to protect imperiled species.

Under Trump, officials rolled back protections for the northern spotted owl, gray wolves and other species, actions that Biden has vowed to review. The Biden administration previously moved to reverse Trump's decision to weaken enforcement of the century-old Migratory Bird Treaty Act, which made it harder to prosecute bird deaths caused by the energy industry.

Chauvin sentencing: A federal judge will this week sentence former Minneapolis police Officer Derek Chauvin for federal civil rights violations in the killing of George Floyd.

U.S. District Judge Paul Magnuson on Tuesday set Chauvin's sentencing hearing for Thursday in St. Paul. Chauvin's plea agreement calls for a sentence of 20 to 25 years in prison.

Chauvin pleaded guilty in December to violating Floyd's rights, admitting for the first time that he kept his knee on Floyd's neck — even as the Black man said he couldn't breathe and after he became unresponsive — resulting in Floyd's death.

Chauvin, who is white, admitted he willfully deprived Floyd of his right to be free from unreasonable seizure, including unreasonable force by a police officer, during the May 2020 arrest.

Chauvin was convicted in a separate case on state charges of murder and manslaughter and is already serving a 22 ½-year sentence.



Algerian celebration: Planes fly in formation to display the number 60 during a military parade Tuesday in Algiers marking the 60th anniversary of Algeria's independence from France. During the African country's first such parade in 38 years, the government pardoned 14,000 prisoners, but it was not clear if that number included political prisoners. **TOUFIK DOUDOU/AP**

Sept. 11 settlement: The Justice Department settled a decades-old lawsuit filed by a group of men who were rounded up by the government in the weeks after the Sept. 11, 2001, attacks and held in a federal jail in New York in conditions the department's own watchdog called abusive and harsh.

The settlement announced Tuesday calls for a \$98,000 payout to be paid out among the six men who filed the suit and were held without terrorism charges at the Metropolitan Detention Center in the borough of Brooklyn.

Ahmer Iqbal Abbasi, Anser Mehmood, Benamar Benatta, Ahmed Khalifa, Saeed Hammouda, and Purna Raj Bajracharya said they were detained in restrictive conditions and, in some cases, abused by members of the staff.

The settlement is unusual because federal courts at nearly every level had thrown out large chunks of the lawsuit.

In 2017, the Supreme Court threw out parts of the suit but tossed one claim, against the former warden of the federal lockup, back to a lower court. A federal judge in Brooklyn dismissed the remaining parts of the suit last year, finding that the men didn't have the right to sue for their injuries, though the judge did not address whether there were constitutional violations.

Adoption bias suit: A panel of Tennessee judges has dismissed a lawsuit filed by a couple who alleged that a state-sponsored Christian adoption agency refused to help them because they are Jewish.

The lawsuit challenged a 2020 law that installed legal protections for private adoption agencies to reject state-funded placement of children to parents based on religious beliefs.

Much of the criticism of the law had focused on how it allowed adoption agencies to discriminate against

LGBTQ people. But Elizabeth and Gabriel Rutar-Ram sued over claims that they were discriminated against because they were Jewish, in violation of their state constitutional rights.

Pacific hurricane: Bonnie strengthened into a major hurricane Tuesday, the first in the eastern Pacific this season.

Bonnie continued to move roughly parallel to Mexico's Pacific coast after crossing over Central America from the Caribbean and dropping heavy rain, contributing to at least two deaths.

Forecasters said they now expect that the Category 3 storm will not threaten land.

Bonnie had maximum sustained winds of 115 mph, the hurricane center said. It was centered 340 miles south of Cabo Corrientes, near Puerto Vallarta, and was moving west at 15 mph.

Air show death: The father of the jet engine-powered semitruck driver who died

during a performance at a southwestern Michigan air show said Tuesday that the truck burst into flames after a blown tire ruptured the fuel tank.

Chris Darnell, 40, died Saturday during a race between the Shockwave Jet Truck and two airplanes at the Battle Creek Field of Flight Air Show and Balloon Festival.

No one else was injured in the accident.

The custom-built jet truck reaches speeds topping 350 mph and races at shows across North America, according to Springfield, Missouri-based Darnell Racing Enterprises.

"As the tire came apart it ruptured the fuel tank on the left side of the car and that, of course, initiated the fire. It happened so quickly that Chris didn't even have time to react," said Neal Darnell, the driver's father.

Video shows the truck catching fire before flipping down the runway at Battle Creek Executive Airport.

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Thomas wielding power, influence

Controversial justice puts stamp on court and legal profession

By Jessica Gresko
Associated Press

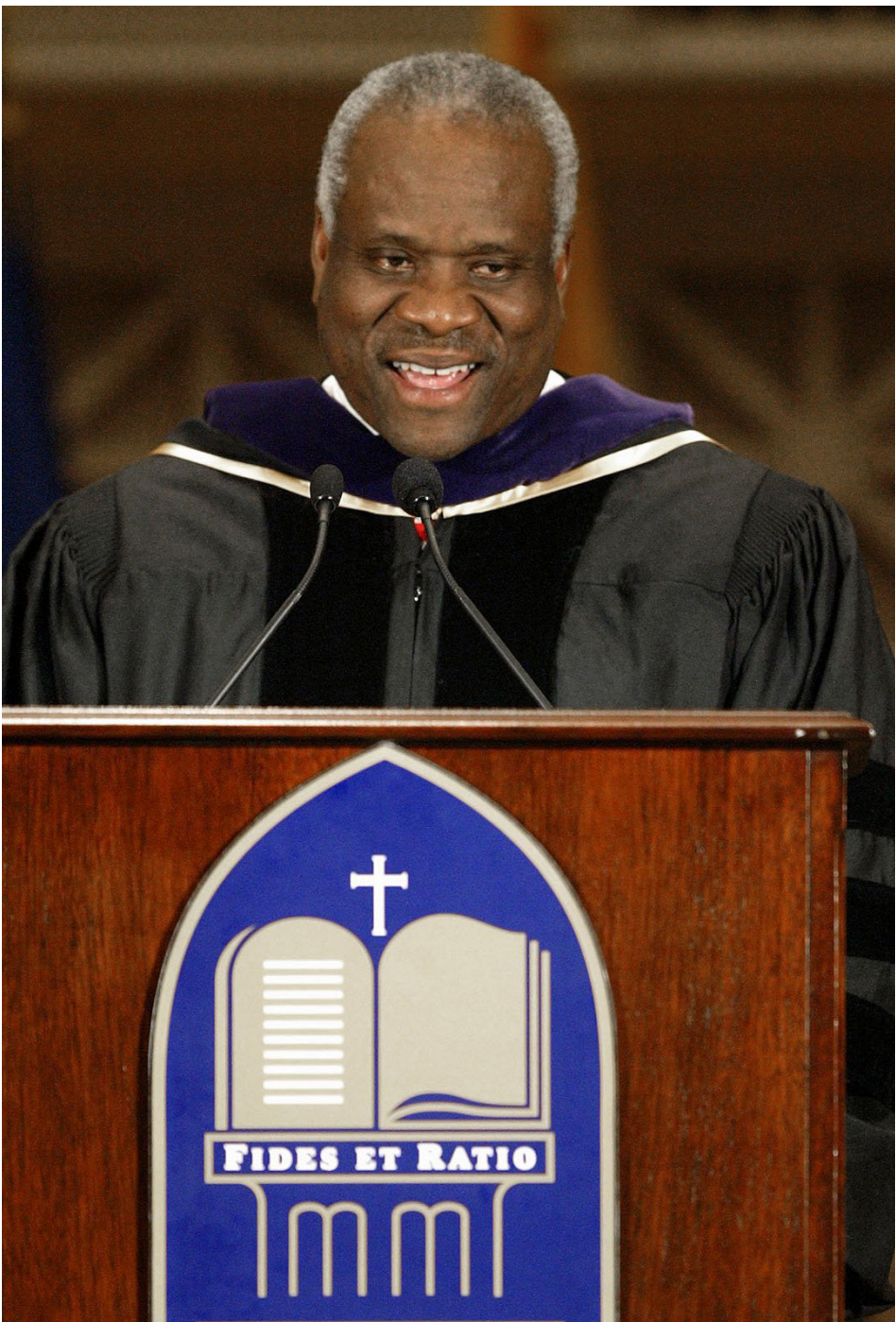
WASHINGTON — Last month, as he marked his 74th birthday, Clarence Thomas achieved two long-sought goals: expanding gun rights and overturning *Roe v. Wade*’s nationwide protection for abortion.

If he was ready to take a victory lap, Thomas didn’t let on. Instead, he called on his colleagues to do more, to revisit the Supreme Court’s cases acknowledging rights to same-sex marriage, gay sex and contraception.

After 30 years on the court, Thomas’ influence has never been greater, and yet he remains a lightning rod for controversy. That includes recent questions about his wife’s role in attempting to overturn the results of the 2020 election and his decision not to recuse himself from cases that involved it. Thomas has said nothing in response to the criticism, and he could still serve another decade or more, racking up additional victories with a court that’s now more conservative.

“If you serve long enough sometimes things go your way eventually,” said Ohio Northern University professor Scott Gerber, the author of a book on Thomas. Gerber said that at this point, people who have moved through the conservative legal movement, studying conservatives like Thomas and the late Justice Antonin Scalia, have now joined Thomas on the court.

“They’ve learned from him and agree,” Gerber said. Thomas is now the senior member of a group of conservative justices with the votes to control the court, not only what cases the court takes on but how broadly it rules. That’s a change for Thomas, whose views were for years seen as



Justice Clarence Thomas, the senior member of a group of conservative justices, remains a lightning rod for controversy. He has been on the high court since 1991. **PAUL SANCYA/AP 2004**

far out of the mainstream.

“He’s always been known as not taking quite the same approach,” said George Mason University law professor Jennifer Mascott, who worked for Thomas as a law clerk. But in the guns case, she said: “Everybody joined with him, his approach.”

Ralph Rossum, who has also written a book about Thomas, said the justice once compared himself to a marathon runner who has to take the long view. Now, as time has gone on and more conservative justices have joined the court, Thomas is, in a sense, running “faster and faster” and “lengthen-

ing his stride,” Rossum said. Thomas declined an interview request from The Associated Press.

On top of the criticism he has faced over the years for his views, Thomas and his wife, conservative activist Virginia Thomas, have faced criticism recently for their actions following former

President Donald Trump’s defeat in the 2020 election. Among other things, Virginia Thomas exchanged messages with then-White House chief of staff Mark Meadows encouraging him to work to overturn President Joe Biden’s victory and urged Republican lawmakers in Arizona, where Biden won, to choose their own slate of electors.

The House committee investigating the Jan. 6, 2021, insurrection at the U.S. Capitol has asked her for an interview.

As for the justice, there has been criticism that because of his wife’s actions he should have recused himself from a case involving the committee’s access to presidential documents and lawsuits challenging the election results, challenges the court turned away. Democrats in Congress wrote in a letter that his participation is “exceedingly difficult to reconcile with federal ethics requirements.”

In days following the June 24 abortion decision, thousands signed a petition saying he should no longer be allowed to teach a class at George Washington University’s law school. The university rejected that idea.

More personally, after a draft of the abortion decision leaked, there were protests at his house and the homes of other conservative justices. In an appearance after the leak Thomas drew a contrast between liberals and conservatives in unusual us-versus-them terms.

“You would never visit Supreme Court justices’ houses when things didn’t go our way. We didn’t throw temper tantrums,” Thomas said.

What many Americans know about Thomas stems largely from his bruising 1991 confirmation hearing, when he was accused of sexual harassment by former employee Anita Hill — charges he denied. He

wrote a bestselling book in 2007 but for years — partly because he chose not to ask questions during arguments at the court and partly because he is a self-described introvert — Thomas spoke largely through his opinions. Not infrequently, because his views were so conservative compared with the rest of the court, he wrote opinions that spoke only for himself.

Now the court has grown more conservative over the last several years during Trump’s administration, particularly after the September death of the liberal Justice Ruth Bader Ginsburg and her replacement by conservative Justice Amy Coney Barrett weeks later. Conservatives now have a six-justice majority and can lose the vote of Chief Justice John Roberts, who is sometimes less willing to issue sweeping rulings, and still have a majority.

Thomas has also become more vocal in recent years. When the court began hearing arguments by telephone because of the pandemic and changed the arguments’ format so justices asked questions one by one, Thomas joined in. He continued asking questions when the justices returned to their courtroom last fall, his colleagues deferring to him for the first questions.

Thomas’ influence has been felt in other ways. Many who Thomas mentored as law clerks held political appointments in the Trump administration. That includes John Eastman, the conservative lawyer who aided Trump’s efforts to undo the election results.

Ten other former law clerks are now federal judges who hold lifetime appointments. Their ranks include Kathryn Kimball Mizelle, the federal judge in Florida who in April struck down the national mask mandate on airplanes and mass transit.



President Joe Biden shakes hands Tuesday with retired Army Maj. John Duffy after presenting him with the Medal of Honor for his actions during the Vietnam War. **SAUL LOEB/GETTY-AFP**

4 Army Vietnam vets receive Medal of Honor for heroism

By Darlene Superville
Associated Press

WASHINGTON — President Joe Biden on Tuesday bestowed the nation’s highest military honor to four Army soldiers for heroism during the Vietnam War, bravery that he said had not diminished even with the passage of time.

Biden presented the Medal of Honor to Spc. 5 Dwight Birdwell, retired Maj. John Duffy, Staff Sgt. Dennis Fujii and Staff Sgt. Edward Kaneshiro. Speaking at a ceremony in the White House East Room, Biden praised their heroism, noting that many like them don’t receive “the full recognition they deserve.”

“Today, we’re setting the record straight. We’re upgrading the awards of four soldiers who performed acts of incredible heroism during the Vietnam conflict,” Biden said.

“It’s just astounding when you hear what each of them have done,” he said. “They went far above and beyond the call of duty. It’s a phrase always used but ... it takes on life when you see these men.”

Addressing the three

living soldiers and relatives of Kaneshiro, who is deceased, the president said, “I’m proud to finally award our highest military recognition, the Medal of Honor, to each of you.”

Biden noted that more than 50 years had passed “since the jungles of Vietnam where, as young men, these soldiers first proved their mettle. But time has not diminished their astonishing bravery, their selflessness in putting the lives of others ahead of their own and the gratitude that we as a nation owe them.”

Kaneshiro, killed in action in Vietnam in 1967, received his honor posthumously for a raid on Dec. 1, 1966, in which his unit came under fire by North Vietnamese troops. His actions were credited with helping his unit withdraw from the village where they were fighting. Kaneshiro was born and raised in Hawaii, a son of Japanese immigrants.

Birdwell was honored for actions helping to head off an assault and evacuate wounded at Tan Son Nhut Airbase near Saigon on Jan. 31, 1968, despite injuries to his torso and face, during an opening salvo of what is

known as the Tet Offensive, an especially bloody period of the war.

Birdwell, a member of the Cherokee Nation and a lawyer in Oklahoma City, had received a Silver Star for his actions. Biden said it took Birdwell’s commanding officer decades to realize that Birdwell had not received the proper recognition and took steps, even in retirement, to “make this day possible.”

“At long last, long last, your story is being honored as it should have been always,” Biden told Birdwell.

Fujii received the Medal of Honor for actions over four days in February 1971 treating wounded and directing air strikes against enemy positions after his air ambulance was forced to crash land.

Duffy was recognized for leading troops who came under ambush after their commander was killed in action, repelling attackers and evacuating wounded despite his own injuries. Duffy went on to become an author and once was nominated for a Pulitzer Prize for poetry.

“He is the definition of a warrior poet,” Biden said.

Giuliani, Graham testimony sought in Ga. election probe

By Kate Brumback and Jill Colvin
Associated Press

ATLANTA — The Georgia prosecutor investigating the conduct of former President Donald Trump and his allies after the 2020 election is trying to compel Sen. Lindsey Graham, R-S.C., former New York Mayor Rudy Giuliani and other members of Trump’s campaign legal team to testify before a special grand jury.

Fulton County District Attorney Fani Willis on Tuesday filed petitions with the judge overseeing the special grand jury as part of her investigation into what she alleged was “a multi-state, coordinated plan by the Trump Campaign to influence the results of the November 2020 election in Georgia and elsewhere.”

Willis also filed petitions for five other potential witnesses, including lawyers Kenneth Chesebro, Cleta Mitchell, Jenna Ellis and John Eastman. Fulton County Superior Court Judge Robert McBurney signed off on the requests, which are similar to subpoenas, deeming them necessary to the probe.

The special grand jury has been investigating whether Trump and others illegally tried to meddle in the 2020 presidential election in Georgia as he sought to cling to power after Democrat Joe Biden’s victory. Trump continues to insist the election was stolen, even as he eyes another presidential run, despite the fact that numerous officials, a long list of courts, top former campaign staff and even Trump’s own attorney general have all said there is no evidence of the fraud he alleges.

Willis has confirmed that she and her team are looking into a January 2021 phone call in which Trump pushed Georgia Secretary of State Brad Raffensperger to “find” the votes needed for him to win the state. She also has said the team is looking at a November 2020 phone call between Graham and Raffensperger, the abrupt resignation of the U.S. attorney in Atlanta on Jan. 4, 2021, and comments made during December 2020 Georgia legislative committee hearings on the election.

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Testimony from former New York Mayor Rudy Giuliani is being sought in a probe in Georgia. **JACQUELYN MARTIN/AP 2020**

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appeared at a state Senate subcommittee hearing at the Georgia Capitol on Dec. 3, 2020, and “provided testimony, additional witnesses, and documentary evidence purporting to demonstrate the existence of election fraud in multiple Georgia counties” during the November 2020 election. None of that has been substantiated.

Among the “evidence” Giuliani offered was a video recording of election workers at an Atlanta arena, which he alleged showed them producing “suitcases” of unlawful ballots from unknown sources, outside the view of election poll watchers, Willis wrote.

Within 24 hours of the hearing, Raffensperger’s office had debunked the video and said it had found no voter fraud had taken place at the arena, Willis wrote. Nevertheless, Giuliani continued to make statements to the public and in subsequent legislative hearings claiming widespread voter fraud using that debunked video, she wrote.

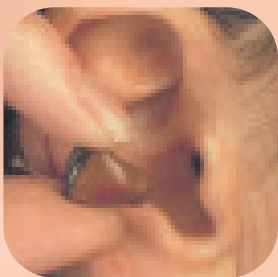
Giuliani’s attorney, Bob Costello, said he had no comment and that his client had not been served with any subpoena.

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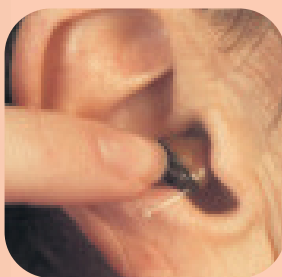
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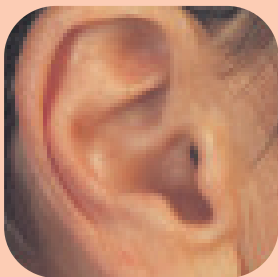
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BUSINESS

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For sale: Personal data of up to 1B Chinese citizens

Hacker’s offer highlights country’s shortcomings in securing sensitive information

By John Liu and Paul Mozur
The New York Times

In what may be one of the largest known breaches of Chinese personal data, a hacker has offered to sell a Shanghai police database that could contain information on perhaps 1 billion Chinese citizens.

The unidentified hacker, who goes by the name “ChinaDan,” posted in an online forum last week that the database for sale included terabytes of information on 1 billion Chinese. The scale of the leak could not be verified. The New York Times confirmed parts of a sample of 750,000 records that the hacker released to prove the authenticity of the data.

The hacker, who joined the online forum last month, is selling the data for 10 bitcoin, or about \$200,000. The individual or group did not provide details on how the data was obtained.

The hacker’s offer of the Shanghai police database highlights a dichotomy in China: Although the country has been at the forefront of collecting masses of information

on its citizens, it has been less successful in securing and safeguarding that data.

Over the years, authorities in China have become expert at amassing digital and biological information on people’s daily activities and social connections. They parse social media posts, collect biometric data, track phones, record video using police cameras and sift through what they obtain to find patterns and aberrations.

But as Beijing’s appetite for surveillance has ramped up, authorities have appeared to leave the resulting databases vulnerable with relatively weak safeguards.

China’s government has worked to tighten controls over a leaky data industry that has fed internet fraud. Yet the focus of the enforcement has often centered on tech companies, while authorities appear to be exempt from strict rules and penalties aimed at securing information at internet firms.

Although it was possible to verify samples provided by the hacker, whether it contains as much data as claimed has not been established.

In one sample, the personal information of 250,000 Chinese citizens — such as name, sex, address, government-issued ID number and birth year — was included. In some cases, the individuals’ profession, marital status, ethnicity, education level and whether the person was labeled a “key person” by the country’s Public Security Ministry could also be found.

Another sample set included police case records, which included records of reported crimes as well as personal information such as phone numbers and IDs. The cases dated from as early as 1997 until 2019. The other sample set contained information that appeared to be individuals’ partial mobile phone numbers and addresses.

When a Times reporter called the phone numbers of people whose information was in the sample data of police records, four people confirmed the details. Four others confirmed their names before hanging up. None of the people contacted said they had any previous knowledge about the data leak.

Twitter said to challenge India order on content

By Sheikh Saaliq
Associated Press

NEW DELHI — Twitter on Tuesday challenged the Indian government in court over its recent orders to take down some content on the social media platform, media outlets reported.

The lawsuit was filed in the Karnataka High Court in southern Bengaluru city and comes after the Indian government in February warned company executives of criminal action if they failed to comply with the take-down orders, the Press Trust of India and the Bar and Bench legal news site reported.

A Twitter spokesperson, Aditi Shorewal, declined to comment or specify what type of content the company was told to block.

She did not confirm that Twitter had filed the lawsuit.

The lawsuit is part of a growing confrontation between Twitter and New Delhi after the Indian government last year passed a new set of sweeping regulations giving it more power to police online content.

The new rules require companies to erase or block content that authorities deem unlawful.

Under the laws, employees of social media websites and technology firms can be held criminally liable for failing to comply with the government’s orders.

“It is everyone’s responsibility to abide by the laws passed by the country’s Parliament,” India’s IT minister, Ashwini Vaishnaw, said Tuesday when asked about the lawsuit.

Prime Minister Narendra Modi’s government has sought for years to control social media and has often directed Twitter to take down tweets or accounts that appear critical of his party and administration.

Twitter complied with most of those orders in the past but also resisted others and has called the new rules a “potential threat to freedom of expression.”

BUSINESS BRIEFING

British Airways cuts more flights

LONDON — British Airways said Tuesday that it will cancel hundreds more summer flights, saying it was necessary after previously announced moves to cut back on scheduled flights proved insufficient to ease travel disruptions.

The announcement will affect tens of thousands of travelers planning to fly from London’s Heathrow and Gatwick airports.

The airline said that as a way to provide customers with as much notice as possible, it announced in the spring that it would cancel 10% of its flights between April and October to avoid having to call off flights on the day of departure.

The latest cancellations take the figure to around 11%. British Airlines is offering refunds or rebooking on other flights.

UK central bank: Crypto rules lax

LONDON — The Bank of England warned Tuesday that recent cryptocurrency melt-downs that wiped out more than \$2 trillion in value highlight the need for tougher financial regulations.

The U.K.’s central bank said that the crashes exposed vulnerabilities in the crypto markets reminiscent of previous bouts of financial turmoil.

Extreme volatility in the crypto markets, including so-called stablecoins, resulted in “fire sales” and amplified price falls, the bank said in its latest financial stability report.

Bitcoin and other cryptocurrencies have tumbled this year, slashing the total value of cryptocurrencies from \$3 trillion at its peak in the middle of 2021 to \$900 billion today, the bank said.



Martin Garcia, owner of gift and decor store Gramercy Gift Gallery in San Antonio, survived the first part of the pandemic in part by paying his landlord whatever rent he could each month. Last August, his landlord wanted the full amount of back rent that Garcia owed. ERIC GAY/AP

High cost of doing business

Add rent to the list of rising expenses bedeviling — if not killing — small enterprises

By Mae Anderson
Associated Press

NEW YORK — The rent has come due for America’s small businesses, and at a very inopportune time.

Landlords were lenient about rent payments during the first two years of the pandemic. Now many are asking for back rent, and some are raising the current rent as well.

Meanwhile, most of the government aid programs that helped small businesses get through the pandemic have ended while inflation has sharply pushed up the cost of supplies, shipping and labor.

Martin Garcia, owner of gift and decor store Gramercy Gift Gallery in San Antonio, survived the first part of the pandemic in part by paying his landlord whatever rent he could each month. Then in August 2021, after the federal moratorium on evictions ended, his landlord asked for the full amount of back rent that he owed.

“I needed \$10,000 in 15 days,” Garcia

said. He took whatever loans he could find — often at high interest rates — and barely met the deadline.

A strong holiday season helped him pay back his loans, but so far this year sales have slipped, and he used credit card financing to pay his June rent. Garcia thinks some of his customers are cutting back on non-essentials to afford to pay the higher prices for gasoline and other must-have items.

Thirty-three percent of all U.S. small businesses could not pay their May rent in full and on time, up from 28% in April, according to a survey from Alignable, a small business referral network.

And 52% said rent has increased over the past six months.

“Many small businesses are still frankly recovering from whatever the last phase of COVID was,” said Chuck Casto, head of corporate communications at Alignable. “Plus, they’re dealing with a year’s worth of increasing inflation on top of that.”

Ris Lacoste owns a namesake restaurant, Ris, in Washington, D.C., and is staying afloat using aid she got from the Restaurant Relief Fund to pay her rent. But the money must be spent by March 2023.

“What I have to do to stay alive after that, every single penny that I can save has to go

into reserve,” Lacoste said.

To cut corners she’s refinishing tables to cut down on linen costs, not printing color copies of menus, and working with 22 staffers instead of the 50 she once had.

Before the pandemic, the 7,000-square-foot restaurant was often full, but it isn’t “back to full occupancy at all,” Ris said. At the same time, inflation is compounding the cost of doing business.

“Payroll is up, labor is up, the cost of goods is up, utilities are going up,” Lacoste said.

But rent isn’t something she can control, and that adds to the stress.

“You’re working for the landlord, how long do you want to do that, how long will you survive?” she said. “It’s not sustainable.”

Data from the commercial real estate financing and advisory firm Marcus & Millichap shows rent rose 4.6% in the first quarter of 2022 compared with the year-ago quarter as the vacancy rate dropped to 6.5%, the lowest since before 2015.

But Daniel Taub, national director of retail sales at Marcus & Millichap, said inflation will make it harder for landlords to impose rent increases as the consumer begins to feel squeezed.

Scandinavian airline SAS files for bankruptcy

By Kevin Granville
The New York Times

A day after its pilots went on strike, SAS, the Scandinavian airline, said Tuesday that it had filed for Chapter 11 bankruptcy protection in the United States, the latest reverberation in a summer of turmoil for European airlines.

SAS described the filing, made in the U.S. Bankruptcy Court for the Southern District of New York, as the “next step” in a reorganization that would address the money-losing airline’s financial difficulties, including cost reductions of more than \$700 million. It said it was in discussions with potential lenders who could provide \$700 million in financing to support operations through the

Chapter 11 process. It expected to emerge from the process in nine to 12 months.

The company said many international airlines have used U.S. courts for bankruptcy proceedings because the Chapter 11 law offers advantages to businesses undergoing restructuring with divisions in different parts of the world.

SAS, which is the national airline of Denmark, Norway and Sweden, said it would continue flying, although Monday it called the pilots’ strike “devastating” and warned that it could cause the cancellation of half of its flights, affecting about 30,000 passengers daily.

On Monday, SAS canceled 51% of its flights, according to FlightAware. By midday Tuesday, nearly 80% of its flights

had been canceled. SAS’s stock price fell 10.2% Tuesday, extending a 5% decline the day before.

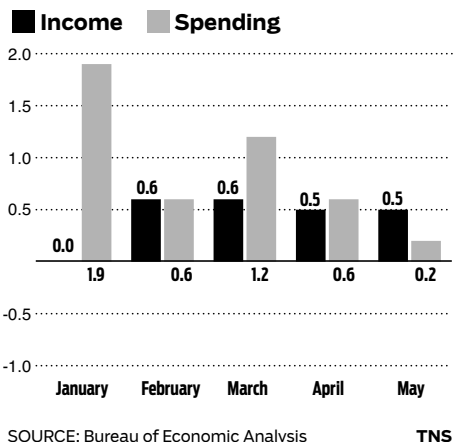
“The ongoing strike has made an already challenging situation even tougher,” CEO Anko van der Werff said in a statement Tuesday.

SAS’s troubles come in a summer riddled with problems for the air travel industry, as carriers have been unable to find enough baggage handlers, check-in staff, security guards or aircraft crew and have experienced walkouts by employees unhappy with long hours and low pay that has failed to keep up with soaring inflation.

Airports across Europe have been scenes of long lines of unhappy passengers, eager to travel after years of pandemic lockdowns.

Personal income and spending

Percent change from preceding month



SOURCE: Bureau of Economic Analysis

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BUSINESS



Some of the 90 graduates from the inaugural class of the Detroit Apple Developer Academy pick up gift bags following last week's ceremony in Michigan. MIKE HOUSEHOLDER/AP

Apple academy's Detroit class opening doors to tech careers

By Mike Householder
Associated Press

DETROIT — The inaugural class of the Detroit Apple Developer Academy, a free program that teaches students the fundamentals of coding, design, marketing and project management, has graduated.

The academy in Detroit for people interested in a career in the app economy is the first in North America and was launched as part of Apple's Racial Equity and Justice Initiative.

"Can you believe it? That you're here at this moment where all your hard work has paid off," Lisa Jackson, the tech giant's vice president of environment, policy and social initiatives, asked the graduates during a ceremony last week.

"I do want to be among the first to say congratulations."

The 90 grads range in age from 18 to 64 and include a high school student, a pastor and a mom and son.

The academy is supported by Michigan State University and the Gilbert Family Foundation and Rocket Companies. Michigan State supplies the

program's instructors and mentors, while the Gilbert Family Foundation and Rocket Companies provide money and space.

"As a Black man in America, it is hard to find opportunities like this that gives you the skills to get started in tech," said graduate Mario Crippen, a 28-year-old from Detroit.

He added that he was thankful for the "chance to change the narrative around Black tech and making my son proud of his dad."

Crippen and his classmates received 10 months of training, with all equipment needed for iOS development provided. Graduates developed new apps now available on — or soon coming to — the iPhone app store that address a range of consumer needs, including travel, health and wellness and more.

Apple opened its first Developer Academy in Brazil nearly a decade ago and has more than a dozen other academies around the world, including in Brazil, Indonesia and Italy.

It announced the Apple Developer Academy in Detroit in January 2021.

The Detroit graduation

comes after a federal judge last year ordered Apple to dismantle a lucrative part of the competitive barricade guarding its app store.

The judge didn't brand Apple as a monopolist or require it to allow competing stores to offer apps for iPhones, iPads and iPods.

Those were two of the biggest objectives sought by Epic Games, the maker of the popular Fortnite video game that filed what it would hoped would be a landmark antitrust case after defying an exclusive payment system that funnels 15% to 30% of all in-app digital transactions on iPhones to Apple.

Both sides are appealing the decision.

Academy grads have earned jobs at companies such as General Motors, Ford and Rocket Mortgage.

One was accepted into Michigan State's engineering college, an accomplishment that earned a shoutout from school President Samuel Stanley during the ceremony.

The Detroit Apple Developer Academy is accepting applications from people 18 and older for the upcoming class on a rolling basis.

US tests new fire retardant, but critics push other tools

By Keith Ridler
Associated Press

BOISE, Idaho — U.S. officials are testing a new wildfire retardant after two decades of buying millions of gallons annually from one supplier, but watchdogs say the expensive strategy is overly fixated on aerial attacks at the expense of hiring more fire-line-digging ground crews.

The Forest Service used more than 50 million gallons of retardant for the first time in 2020 as increasingly destructive wildfires plague the West. It exceeded 50 million gallons again last year to fight some of the largest and longest-duration wildfires in history in California and other states. The cost of fire retardant for those two years reached nearly \$200 million.

Over the previous 10 years, the agency used 30 million gallons annually.

"No two wildfires are the same, and thus it's critical for fire managers to have different tools available to them for different circumstances a fire may present," the Forest Service said in an email. "Fire retardant is simply one of those tools."

The Forest Service said tests started last summer are continuing this summer with a magnesium-chloride-based retardant from Fortress.

Fortress contends its retardants are effective and better for the environment than products offered by Perimeter Solutions. That company says its ammonium-phosphate-based retardants are superior.

Fortress started in 2014 with mainly former wildland firefighters who aimed to create a more effective fire retardant that's better for the environment. It has facilities in California, Montana and Wyoming, and describes itself as the only alternative to fertilizer-based fire retardants.



A plane drops retardant on a wildfire Feb. 10 in Laguna Beach, Calif. U.S. officials are testing a new wildfire retardant. AP

The company is headed by CEO Bob Burnham, who started his career as a hotshot crew member fighting wildfires and ultimately rose to become a Type 1 incident commander, directing hundreds of firefighters against some of the nation's largest wildfires. He often called in aircraft to disperse plumes of red fire retardant, a decision he said he wonders about now after learning more about fertilizer-based retardants and developing a new retardant.

"This new fire retardant is better," he said. "It's going to be a lot less damaging to our sensitive planet resources, and it's going to be a lot better fire retardant on the ground."

The main ingredient in Fortress products, magnesium chloride, is extracted from the Great Salt Lake in Utah, a method and process the company says is more environmentally friendly and less greenhouse-gas producing than mining and processing phosphate.

Perimeter Solutions has had a number of name and ownership changes over the years but has dominated the market for more than two decades. The company's Phos-Chek LC-95A is the world's most used fire retardant. The company is transitioning to a new

retardant called Phos-Chek LCE20-Fx, which the company said is made out of food-grade ingredients, making it a cleaner product.

Two Forest Service watchdog groups contend both types of retardant harm the environment, and that the agency should be spending less on retardant and more on firefighters.

Andy Stahl, executive director of the Forest Service Employees for Environmental Ethics, and Timothy Ingalsbee, executive director of Firefighters United for Safety, Ethics, and Ecology, both said that the ammonium-phosphate-based retardant is essentially a fertilizer that can boost invasive plants and is potentially responsible for some algae blooms in lakes or reservoirs when it washes downstream. They said the magnesium-chloride-based retardant is essentially a salt that will inhibit plant growth where it falls, possibly harming threatened species.

Both are concerned about direct hits to waterways with either retardant and potential harm to aquatic species.

"Their theory is that it's a war, and when you're in a war you're going to have collateral damage," Stahl said.

MARKET RUNDOWN

Wednesday, July 6, 2022

↓ DOW

30,967.82 -129.44

↓ 10-YR T-BOND

2.81% -.09

↓ GOLD

\$1,761.80 -37.10

31,920

30,980

30,040

10 DAYS

Dow Jones Industrials

Close: 30,967.82

Change: -129.44 (-0.4%)

38,000

36,000

34,000

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Domestic Indexes

	CLOSE	CHG.	YTD
DOW Indus.	30,967.82	-129.44	-14.78%
DOW Trans.	13,216.62	-72.81	-19.79%
DOW Util.	958.21	-34.42	-2.30%
NYSE Comp.	14,499.49	-137.26	-15.52%
Nasdaq Comp.	11,322.24	+194.39	-27.63%
S&P 500	3,831.39	+6.06	-19.61%
S&P 400	2,292.97	-2.92	-19.32%
Wilshire 5000	38,167.73	+169.97	-21.24%
Russell 2000	1,741.33	+13.57	-22.45%

Commodities

	CLOSE	PREV.	YTD
FUELS			
Crude Oil (bbl)	99.50	108.43	+32.30%
Natural Gas (mm btu)	5.52	5.73	+48.07%
Unleaded Gas (gal)	3.33	3.69	+49.40%
METALS			
Gold (oz)	1,761.80	1,798.90	-3.60%
Silver (oz)	19.05	19.60	-18.33%

(Previous and change figures reflect current contract.)

Foreign Exchange

	ForEx in U.S. \$	U.S. \$ in ForEx
Britain	1.1951	.8368
Canada	.7665	1.3047
China	.1488	6.7199
Euro	1.0263	.9744
Japan	.007371	135.67
Mexico	.048578	20.5855

Money Rates

	CLOSE	PREV.	WK.
Prime rate	4.75	4.75	
3-mo. T-Bill	1.89	1.78	
6-mo. T-Bill	2.57	2.55	
5-yr T-Note	2.82	3.25	
10-yr T-Note	2.81	3.20	
30-yr T-Bond	3.03	3.31	

Global Markets

	CLOSE	CHG.	%CHG.	%YTD
Frankfurt	12,401.20	-372.18	-2.91%	-21.93%
London	7,025.47	-207.18	-2.86%	-4.86%
Hong Kong	21,853.07	+22.72	+1.0%	-6.60%
Nikkei	26,423.47	+269.66	+1.03%	-8.23%

Stocks of Local Interest				
STOCK (TICKER)	CLOSE	CHG.	YTD %CHG	YTD %CHG
AMC Entertainment A (AMC)	12.78	-.75	-53.0	
AT&T Inc (T)	21.17	-.14	-13.9	
Adv Micro Dev (AMD)	75.20	+1.53	-47.7	
Amazon.com Inc (AMZN)	113.50	+3.94	-31.9	
American Airlines Gp (AAL)	13.88	-.75	-22.7	
Amphenol Corp (APH)	63.95	+.20	-26.9	
Annaly Capital Mgmt (NLY)	6.20	+.12	-20.7	
Apple Inc (AAPL)	141.56	+2.63	-20.3	
Avangrid Inc (AGR)	45.65	-2.18	-8.5	
Bank of America (BAC)	31.24	-.32	-29.8	
Barnes Group (B)	31.12	-.43	-33.2	
Booking Holdings (BKNG)	1787.96	+19.98	-25.5	
Brist Myr Sqb (BMY)	75.96	-.88	+21.8	
CVS Health Corp (CVS)	92.53	-1.41	-10.3	
Carnival Corp (CCL)	9.38	+.56	-53.4	
Carrier Global Corp (CARR)	36.07	+.07	-33.5	
Charter Communic (CHTR)	481.22	+.30	-26.2	
Cigna Corp (CI)	264.84	-3.19	+15.3	
Clovis Oncology Inc (CLVS)	2.41	-.44	-11.1	
Comcast Corp A (CMCSA)	39.83	-.19	-20.9	
Disney (DIS)	97.18	+1.04	-37.3	
EMCOR Group Inc (EME)	103.05	+.03	-19.1	
Endo Intl plc (ENDP)	.52	-.05	-86.2	
Energy Transfer L.P. (ET)	9.88	-.14	+20.0	
Enjoy Technology Inc (ENJY)	.31	+.14	-93.3	
Ethan Allen (ETD)	21.10	+.56	-19.7	
Eversource Energy (ES)	83.37	-3.78	-8.4	
Bioform Biosciences (EVFM)	1.10	+.19	-80.5	
Exela Technologies (XELA)	.11	-.00	-87.3	
Exelon Mobil Corp (XOM)	84.81	-2.74	+38.6	
Faraday Fut Intlght (FFIE)	5.28	+1.73	-.8	
Ford Motor (F)	11.20	-.12	-46.1	
Freepor McMoran (FCX)	27.26	-1.94	-34.7	
FuelCell Energy (FCEL)	3.84	+.06	-26.2	
Gen Dynamics (GD)	214.53	-9.33	+2.9	
Gen Electric (GE)	62.03	-1.51	-34.3	
Grab Holdings Ltd A (GRAB)	2.71	+.33	-62.0	
Hartford Fn Sv (HIG)	65.02	-1.22	-5.8	
Honeywell Intl (HON)	172.09	-3.02	-17.5	
Horizon Tech Fin (HRZN)	11.89	-.01	-25.3	
Infosys Ltd (INFY)	18.67	-.18	-26.2	
Intel Corp (INTC)	36.69	+.35	-28.8	
Kaman (KAMN)	30.21	-1.39	-30.0	
Keycorp (KEY)	17.38	-.12	-24.9	
Kinross Gold (KGC)	3.35	-.35	-42.3	
Lexicon Pharma (LXRX)	2.75	+.81	-30.2	
Lincoln Natl Corp (LNC)	46.97	-.62	-31.2	
M&T Bank (MTB)	158.63	-1.08	+3.3	
MGM Resorts Intl (MGM)	30.36	+.36	-32.4	
Maris-Tech Ltd (MTEK)	1.30	+.12	-49.8	
Meta Platforms Inc (META)	168.19	+8.16	-50.0	
MetLife Inc (MET)	62.34	-1.34	-.2	
Micron Tech (MU)	56.73	+3.08	-39.1	
Mullen Automotive (MULN)	.99	-.09	-81.1	
Norwegian Cruise Ln (NCLH)	12.46	+1.13	-39.9	
Novartis AG (NVS)	84.28	-.08	-3.6	
Nvidia Corporation (NVDA)	149.64	+4.41	-49.1	
Occid Petl (OXY)	59.11	-1.33	+103.9	
Otis Worldwide Corp (OTIS)	71.37	-.53	-18.0	
Palantir Technol (PLTR)	10.07	+.80	-44.7	
Pfizer Inc (PFE)	51.64	-.67	-12.5	
Pitney Bowes (PBI)	3.68	...	-44.5	
Prudential Fncl (PRU)	95.33	-2.09	-11.9	
Pub Svc Ent Gp (PEG)	62.56	-2.11	-6.2	
Raytheon Technolog (RTX)	92.92	-4.10	+8.0	
Rogers Corp (ROG)	261.29	+.29	-4.3	
Roblox Corp (RBLX)	39.99	+4.92	-61.2	
SS&C Technologies (SSNC)	59.24	+.41	-27.7	
Shopify Inc (SHOP)	34.00	+2.59	...	
Snap Inc A (SNAP)	14.38	+1.21	-69.4	
SoFi Technologies (SOFI)	5.84	+.43	-63.1	
Sthwstn Energy (SWN)	5.92	-.42	+27.0	
Stanley Black & Deck (SWK)	110.37	+3.08	-41.5	
Starwood Prop Trust (STWD)	21.38	+.16	-12.0	
Sundial Growers Inc (SNDL)	.34	+.01	-40.8	
Terex Corp (TEX)	28.09	+.16	-36.1	
Tesla Inc (TSLA)	699.20	+17.41	-33.8	
Travelers Cos (TRV)	167.20	-3.98	+6.9	
United Rentals (URI)	244.99	+.63	-26.3	
UnitedHealth Corp (UNH)	505.24	-12.16	+.6	
Virtus Invest (VRTS)	179.27	+5.52	-39.7	
Voya Financial (VOYA)	59.36	-1.35	-10.5	
Webster Financial (WBS)	42.80	+.13	-23.4	
White Mtns Insur (WTM)	1238.83	-20.31	+22.2	
World Wrestling Ent (WWE)	62.12	-.44	+25.9	
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Mass surveillance in schools won't solve mass shootings

By Parmy Olson
Bloomberg Opinion

Administrators at Oak Hill High School in Fayette County, West Virginia, are attuned to potential violence. If a student scrawls a threat on the bathroom wall about shooting someone, staff will set up a mobile unit of metal detectors in the school's entranceway. Since April, though, slimmer-looking scanners that use ultra-low frequency magnetic fields are scanning students' bags and pockets for weapons. The detectors, sold by a publicly traded security company in Waltham, Massachusetts, called Evolv Technology Holdings, use algorithms that have been trained to identify any kind of gun or knife. If the machines spot something, they will draw a box around an image of the suspected student and alert school officials. The system costs about \$30,000 a year to use. "Students flow straight through it," said Gary Hough, superintendent of the Fayette County school district. "They understand what they have to do."

In the wake of a steady increase of school shootings in the U.S., schools are eager to find ways to better protect their students, even as overall incidents of violence have dropped in the last two decades. But the steps they are taking risk reinforcing an unhealthy culture of surveillance without actually preventing violence. "Hardening" is the lingo used by lawmakers and educators, who are adding metal detectors, armed security, high metal

fences and bulletproof glass. And there is a lot of new technology available to buy: new types of weapons sensors, facial recognition software and even drones. Schools and colleges in the U.S. spent an estimated \$3.1 billion on security products in 2021, compared with \$2.7 billion in 2017, according to Omdia, a market research company. The result: Schools are morphing into facilities resembling prisons. You can argue that educators don't have much choice. School shootings are becoming a fact of life and lawmakers have done little to limit access to guns. But among the huge volumes of literature on conducting risk assessments, there is little guidance on how schools should check that new surveillance tools are actually making a difference, researchers have said. How does Oak Hill High measure the success of its new sensors? A lack of incidents, said Hough. The school's old metal detector setup was slow and caused long lines. The lines not only made students late, but also left them vulnerable to a potential attack, Hough said. He added, "I think success comes by making parents feel comfortable."

There is a trade-off to putting grown-ups' minds at ease. A 2016 study by Johns Hopkins University on school safety technology showed very little evidence that extra cameras and weapons scanners prevented violent events at schools. There was also little indication that they helped mitigate those events. A study in 2019 by researchers at New

Mexico State University and the University of Toledo reached a similar conclusion. After looking at research and policies between 2000 and 2018, they found no empirical evidence that spending hundreds of millions of dollars on "hardening schools" lowered gun violence. Both pointed to a common cycle: Horrific incidents spurred new funding with a short spending window, prompting schools to buy technology to show they were "doing something," according to the Johns Hopkins study. But there can be unintended consequences to "doing something." A 2017 study by University of Florida Levin College of Law found that schools with higher proportions of Black students were more likely to rely on intense surveillance measures than did other schools, even when evidence suggested the extra safety concerns were unwarranted. That fuels a broader problem of Black students being punished more harshly than white students for similar offenses. Increasingly intense surveillance at schools also sends a message to students that they are dangerous and prone to illegal activity, disrupting feelings of trust between students and the school, according to the University of Florida research. Instead of feeling safe, that study showed students felt a heightened sense of danger and disillusionment through constant "passivity and compliance" with the surveillance tech, further eroding students' Fourth Amendment right to be free from

unreasonable searches and seizures. A day after the Uvalde shooting, Texas Gov. Greg Abbott recommitted to the state's "hardening" plans for schools that were passed in 2019, after a school shooting in Houston. Those plans provided \$100 million in funding for extra cameras and bulletproof glass. But Abbott was praising a bill that had ultimately failed to stop the killing of 19 children and two adults last month. Surveillance technology doesn't address the underlying cause of school shootings, and there is little evidence it protects children from violence. But it soothes adults' nerves. Hough, the Fayette County superintendent, recalled in April when someone posted on Instagram a threat to kill the school principal. News of the threat spread quickly among his students. Normally that would have prompted about half the school's kids to stay at home on the request of their parents, he said. Not this time. Parents reminded one another on Facebook that the school had just installed Evolv's cutting-edge scanners. The next day, nearly all the school's 3,000 students turned up. The price of hardening schools won't go away. Absent effective gun reform, surveillance of American children is becoming a fact of life, and their parents have little choice but to accept the consequences. *Distributed by Tribune Content Agency, LLC.*

Another step toward climate apocalypse



Paul Krugman
We're having a heat wave, a tropical heat wave. Also a temperate heat wave and an Arctic heat wave, with temperatures reaching the high 80s in northern Norway. The megadrought in the Western United States has reduced Lake Mead to a small fraction of its former size, and it now threatens to become a "dead pool" that can no longer supply water to major cities. Climate change is already doing immense damage, and it's probably only a matter of time before we experience huge catastrophes that take thousands of lives. And the Republican majority on the Supreme Court just voted to limit the Biden administration's ability to do anything about it. It says something about the state of U.S. politics that a number of environmental experts I follow were actually relieved by the ruling, which was less sweeping than they feared and still left the administration with some possible paths for climate action. I guess, given where we are, objectively bad decisions must be graded on a curve. And for what it's worth, I have a suspicion that at least some of the Republican justices understood the enormity of what they were doing and tried to do as little as possible while maintaining their party fealty. For party fealty is, of course, what this is all about. Anyone who believes that the recent series of blockbuster court rulings reflects any consistent legal theory is being willfully naive: Clearly, the way this court interprets the law is almost entirely determined by what serves Republican interests. If states want to ban abortion, well, that's their prerogative. If New York has a law restricting the concealed carrying of firearms, well, that's unconstitutional. And partisanship is the central problem of climate policy. Yes, Joe Manchin stands in the way of advancing the Biden climate agenda. But if there were even a handful of Republican senators willing to support climate action, Manchin wouldn't matter, and neither would the Supreme Court: Simple legislation could establish regulations limiting greenhouse gas emissions



Dead fish between cracks of dried mud at Lake Mead. Climate change is affecting the nation's largest reservoir. **LUIS SINCO/LOS ANGELES TIMES**

and provide subsidies and maybe even impose taxes to encourage the transition to a green economy. So ultimately our paralysis in the face of what looks more and more like a looming apocalypse comes down to the GOP's adamant opposition to any kind of action. The question is, how did letting the planet burn become a key GOP tenet? It wasn't always thus. The Environmental Protection Agency, whose scope for action the court just moved to limit, was created by none other than Richard Nixon. As late as 2008 John McCain, the Republican nominee for president, ran on a promise to impose a cap-and-trade system to limit greenhouse gas emissions. Republican positioning on the environment is also completely unlike that of mainstream conservative parties in other Western nations. One study — from a few years back, but I don't think the fundamentals have changed — found that most conservative parties do support climate action and that the Republican Party "is an anomaly in denying anthropogenic climate change." And yes, the GOP is still into

climate denial; it may sometimes admit that climate change is real while insisting that nothing can be done about it, but it reverts to denial every time there's a cold snap. So what explains the Republican climate difference? One natural answer is "follow the money": In the 2020 election cycle the oil and gas industry gave 84% of its political contributions to Republicans; for coal mining, the number was 96%. But I suspect that money is only part of the story; in fact, to some extent the causation may run the other way, with the fossil fuel sector backing Republicans because they're anti-environment rather than the other way around. My skepticism about a simple follow-the-money story comes from a couple of observations. One is that Republicans have staked out anti-science positions on other issues, like COVID-19 vaccination, where the monetary considerations are far less obvious: As far as I know, coronavirus isn't a major source of campaign contributions. Also, while the Republican position on climate is an outlier compared with

"normal" conservative parties, it's actually typical for right-wing populist parties. (Side note: I hate the use of the word "populist" here, because Republicans have shown no inclination toward policies that would actually help workers. But I guess we're stuck with it.) In other words, the politics of climate policy look a lot like the politics of authoritarian government and minority rights: The Republican Party looks more like Hungary's Fidesz or Poland's Law and Justice than like the center-right parties other countries call conservative. Why, exactly, are authoritarian right-wing parties anti-environment? That's a discussion for another day. What's important right now is that the United States is the only major nation in which an authoritarian right-wing party — which lost the popular vote in seven of the past eight presidential elections yet controls the Supreme Court — has the ability to block actions that might prevent climate catastrophe. *Krugman is a columnist for The New York Times.*

Turkey's Erdogan missed a big opportunity during NATO summit

By Bobby Ghosh
Bloomberg Opinion

To judge by Turkey's pro-government media, President Recep Tayyip Erdogan scored a major geopolitical victory for his country at the NATO summit in Madrid. "Turkey slammed its fist on the table, Europe came to its knees," declared the conservative Yeni Akit daily. This was a reference to Erdogan's brinkmanship over the accession of Sweden and Finland, which forced the alliance's other members to invest time and energy in entreating him just as the alliance faces its sternest test in decades as a result of Russian expansionism. The Nordic nations eventually signed an agreement with Turkey, pledging to address its security concerns, which center mainly on Kurdish groups that Ankara considers terrorists. This allowed the president to withdraw his objections to their membership. As a reward, Erdogan got a face-to-face meeting with President Joe Biden and the White House's backing for the sale of F-16 fighter jets to Turkey. In the future, Erdogan will talk up his success in Spain as he ratchets up his reelection campaign. With less than a year to go before he faces an electorate in severe

economic distress, the president will take any opportunity for chest-thumping he can get. But Turks paying close attention will know Erdogan gained very little — and may have lost a lot. Erdogan might have used his status as NATO's longest-serving leader to be the statesman at a time of strife. His views about the crisis growing along NATO's eastern borders, with the war in Ukraine and anxiety in the Baltics, would have been especially valuable because he enjoys a closer relationship with Russian President Vladimir Putin than anybody in the alliance. Instead, his gamesmanship confirmed Erdogan's reputation within NATO as a spoiler who pursues personal advantage above the collective good. When Sweden and Finland join the alliance, the list of members with bitter experience of his self-serving opportunism will grow by two. The others, already angered by his making common cause with Putin and compromising the security of the group as a whole by purchasing Russian missile-defense systems, won't forget that when a major crisis confronted them all, Erdogan chose to play parochial politics. Although Sweden and Finland agreed to

address Turkey's longstanding complaints that they give shelter to Kurdish terrorists and other groups dedicated to Erdogan's downfall, they have more than enough room to obfuscate when it comes to taking action against those Ankara has identified as enemies. Evidence of the wriggle room will soon be at hand. Turkey has asked Sweden and Finland to extradite 33 individuals. Some are reportedly members of the Kurdish Workers Party, known as PKK, which is designated a terrorist group by the U.S. and the European Union as well as Turkey. Others are followers of Fethullah Gulen, a Pennsylvania-based Turkish cleric and former Erdogan ally whom Ankara blames for a 2016 coup attempt. (Gulen has rejected the accusation.) But the Madrid agreement doesn't commit Sweden and Finland to hand over specific individuals, much less oblige them to change their extradition laws. The burden of proof they will require from Turkey is substantial. The other commitment in the trilateral agreement is somewhat more significant: The two Nordic countries will lift arms embargoes against Turkey. But the weapons Ankara covets most tend to be American, and Erdogan made no breakthroughs

on that front. Biden's support for the sale of the F-16s had expected for months. The main hurdle had been in Congress, where lawmakers were holding up the sale to punish Erdogan for his 2017 decision to purchase Russian-made S-400 missile-defense systems despite American warnings that they would compromise NATO security. In any case, the F-16s are a consolation prize. Turkey remains barred from acquiring more advanced F-35s — it was meant to participate in the manufacture of the jets, but was dropped from the program when it bought the S-400. And that face-to-face meeting with Biden? The two men smiled for the cameras, and Erdogan can use those images to advertise his status as a world leader. But Biden won't have changed his assessment that the Turkish leader is an autocrat and that the U.S. ought to "embolden" his opponents to defeat him next year. Erdogan may yet find that Biden was baring his teeth. Erdogan has long gotten away with foreign-policy adventurism. But the returns are nearly to the point of nothing. *Distributed by Tribune Content Agency, LLC.*



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purposes:

1. To elect Directors, and
2. The appointment of Baker Newman &
Noyes, LLC as the independent registered
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ending March 31, 2023.
3. To transact such other business as may
properly come before the meeting, or any
adjournments thereof.

Only those Members of Record at the close
of business on the 30th day of June, 2022
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The Connecticut State Treasurer hereby
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Trust Funds. These draft revisions will be
presented to the State's Investment Advisory
Council at a public meeting on July 20, 2022
at 9:00 a.m. at 165 Capitol Ave, 1st Floor,
Hartford, Connecticut. Draft revisions to the
Investment Policy Statement are available
for public review at the Office of the State
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OBITUARIES

Hendrick, Georgina



Georgina M. Hendrick, 89, of Storrs Mansfield, CT passed away on June 29, 2022. She was born in Cheshire, CT, daughter to the late Benjamin and Helen (Roberts) Metzler.

Georgina was the retired Dean of Administration at Middlesex Community College and had held several positions throughout the state of Connecticut from Central Office to the University of Connecticut. She had earned a bachelor's degree in business administration from the University of Connecticut in 1957 and a master's degree in business administration from Western NE College in 1979; as well as held a CPA license in CT.

She was a long time member of the American Society of Women Accountants, to which she held several offices including President and Treasurer. Georgina was an over 50 year member of SCCA Racing both regional and national from which she won the Gloria Barbour Memorial Award in 1997 for her "Ever Present Yet Unseen Support of the Sport". She was a founding member and Secretary/Treasurer in the Western Connecticut Corvette Club from which she received the Presidential Award for Meritorious Service in 1961.

She was very active in her community. She was a long-time member and active participant of the Windham Hospital Auxiliary, the local chapter of the Special Olympics (especially the local Swim Meet) and the Hole In The Wall Camp in Ashford, CT.

Her favorite hobbies were racing, swimming and her Corvettes. She loved to travel and to try new things from riding white water rapids to glider plane lessons. You never knew what Georgie was going to try next.

She was always very active and committed to her family and friends. Everyone in her life became her family. She always had a kind word to say about everyone. If help was needed, she was the first one there to offer her help. She loved with her heart and soul.

She was predeceased by her seven siblings, Mildred, Martha, Benjamin, Thomas, Edwin, Joseph and Dorothy. And by the love of her life and partner Omer Norton Jr.

Georgina is survived by and was especially close to her brother Benjamin's wife and 3 children (after he died at a very young age); Janet Metzler Baker, Patricia Taylor and her husband Matthew, Richard Metzler, and Gail Papale and her husband Frederick. As well as Patricia's children Stephanie Strus & Christopher Strus, and Gail's daughter Crystal Metzler MacEachern.

Georgina is also survived by and was especially close to Omer's 3 children, Cindy Rummel, Connie Smith and Omer (Buddy) Norton III, as well as their children, Derek Rummel & Damon Rummel, Peter Norton, and Devon Smith who knew Georgina their whole lives as "Gramma George".

She is also survived by many other nieces, nephews, great nieces &, nephews, great-great nieces & nephews and so, so many true friends.

Her family is especially grateful to Georgie's full time care-giver Cheryl O. and the other part-time care-givers for their compassionate and loving care.

The family will be having a Celebration of Life gathering at some time in the early Fall. If you would like to participate in Georgina's Celebration of Life gathering, please send your contact information to: CelebrateGeorgieH@gmail.com or contact Potter Funeral Home by August 15, 2022. Please include the number in your party. Burial will be at the convenience of the family.

In lieu of flowers, memorial donations may be made in Georgina's name to: Special Olympics Connecticut, 2666 State Street, Suite 1, Hamden, CT 06517 or to: Hole in the Wall Gang Camp by going online to https://www.holeinthewallgang.org/donate or mailed to the Hole in the Wall Gang Camp, 565 Ashford Center Road, P.O. Box 156, Ashford, CT 06278. For an online memorial guestbook, please visit www.potterfuneralhome.com

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Mitchell, Juanita



Juanita Mitchell, 91, of Bloomfield, CT gained her heavenly wings on Tuesday, June 28, 2022, surrounded by her loved ones. Juanita was born on May 13, 1931, in Jacksonville, GA to the late James Clements and Sarah Ann Wells. A celebration of Juanita's life will take place on Friday, July 8, 2022, at 11:00am with a visitation from 10:00am – 11:00am at Henry L. Fuqua Funeral Service (A Division of Howard K. Hill Funeral Services), 94 Granby Street, Bloomfield, CT 06002. Interment will be held at Mount Saint Benedict Cemetery, 1 Cottage Grove Road, Bloomfield, CT 06002. To leave a message of comfort for the Mitchell family and view the full obituary, please visit, www.hkhfuneralservices.com



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OBITUARIES

Carroll, Jean



Sister Jean Carroll, formerly Sister Mary Angeline, died peacefully on July 3, 2022 at Saint Mary Home. Born in East Hartford, CT on August 24, 1926 to Robert Carroll and Kathryn Lenihan, Sister Jean's life journey was known to be limitless service to others, a determination to live the works of Mercy, and boundless energy.

While studying at the University of Saint Joseph, West Hartford, Sister Jean was inspired by Sister Mary Rosa McDonough's passion for learning and search for truth. Sister Jean attributed her love of reading to the value Sister Rosa placed on expanding one's life experience through literature. As she pondered her life following graduation, Sister Jean decided a life in Mercy met her lifetime goals.

Sister Jean entered the Sisters of Mercy on June 28, 1947 and professed final vows on January 2, 1950. Shortly after entering the Sisters of Mercy in West Hartford, CT, the Sisters relocated their novitiate to Mercy Center, Madison. At Mercy Center, Sister Jean's daily chore was tolling the bell, summoning all to services and greeting each person with her characteristic smile.

Having earned a BA in Political Science from the University of Saint Joseph, West Hartford (1947), Sister Jean earned an M Ed. From Boston College (1957) and returned to the University of Saint Joseph for an MA in Religious Studies (1985).

Recognizing her administrative skills and leadership talents, Sister Jean was appointed Supervisor of Elementary Schools in the Archdiocese of Hartford, during which time she shared her love of learning with the teachers. Following her time in elementary education, Sister Jean served as Director of Personnel for the Sisters of Mercy. This position was followed by her being elected to the Sisters of Mercy Leadership. In each of these positions, her gentle but firm guidance created an inner strength and confidence that enabled individuals to maximize their potential.

Always aware of the needs of others and each person's responsibility to address the needs of the poor, Sister Jean decided to join her cousin, Sister Nancy McNamara at Mary House in Newington, CT where they ministered to adults by providing spiritual development programs, spiritual direction and prayer groups. Continuing their response by serving those in need, Sisters Jean and Nancy founded the First House of Mercy in Hartford, a temporary home for women in need. Sister Jean extended her outreach to the poor by Board Membership and tutoring at the Trust House in Hartford. In addition to her parents, Sister Jean is pre-deceased by her brother Richard Joseph, his wife Joan and her cousin, Nancy McNamara, RSM; she is survived by her nieces: Beth Carroll-Horrocks (Thomas), Megan J. Carroll (Michelle M. Price), and her nephews: Robert Andrew (Melissa), William W. (Celia), Thomas C. (Antoinette), and their families. She will be greatly missed by her Mercy Community and the residents of Saint Mary Home.

The Sisters of Mercy are grateful to the staff of Saint Mary Home for their loving and compassionate care for Sister Jean.

Sister Jean's Funeral Mass and Wake will be held on Friday, July 8th at Saint Mark the Evangelist Church, 467 South Quaker Lane, West Hartford. Burial will follow in Saint Mary Cemetery, 2021 Albany Avenue, West Hartford.

The wake will begin at 10 a.m., the Mass of Christian Burial will be celebrated at 11 a.m., followed by the burial service.

You are asked to consider donations in her memory to the Sisters of Mercy, 25 Prescott Street, 1st floor, West Hartford, CT 06110-2335. Online condolences may be made at www.SheehanHilbornBreen.com.

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Kuszik, Patricia Merz



Patricia (Merz) Kuszik, 75, of Hernando, Florida, beloved wife of Michael Kuszik, Jr, passed away peacefully June 26, 2022 at home with her husband and daughter and sister-in-law by her side under their loving care and Vitas Hospice following a courageous battle with cancer. Pat was predeceased by her parents Raymond and Adelaide

Merz, and her daughter Donna LaBree, in January of this year. She is survived by Michael Kuszik, Jr., husband; daughter, Amy Kuszik Colligan of Inverness, Florida; brother, Raymond Merz and his wife Veronica of Windsor, and long time friend and sister-in-law, Carol Kuszik of Crystal River, FL; son-in-law, Bradley LaBree of Midlothian,VA; nephews: Raymond Merz and wife Rebecca of Granby, Matthew Merz and wife Zita of Leesburg,VA; 4 grandchildren: Danielle LaBree Jones and Michael LaBree of Midlothian, VA; Cassidy and Sean Colligan of Inverness, FL; 2 great grandchildren who will miss their Nana, Alex and Ava Jones of Midlothian, VA; several grand nieces and nephews. She also leaves behind many loved close friends she treated as family. Pat was born on November 18, 1946 in Hartford, CT, and grew up in Windsor, where she met the love of her life, Mike at Windsor High School. She graduated from there in 1964. They married in 1966 and moved to Windsor Locks, and started raising a family. Pat was very involved with the children's activities like PTO, softball, St. Mary's Catechism lessons, and many others. She was employed as the Administrative Assistant at the Montessori School of Greater Hartford for about 22 years. After that, she worked at the town clerk's office for the town of Windsor. Following her retirement, Pat and Mike moved to Hernando, Florida in 2013, where she then pursued her passion of quilting. Pat was an excellent seamstress and quilter and won numerous awards for her quilts. She was a member of the Citrus County Cracker Quilters Guild and the Creative Quilters of Citrus County since January, 2015 and served as the membership chairman since 2020. She also participated in the paper piecing program of the Guild. Pat was generous sharing her knowledge and talent with others. She spent time making lap quilts of Valor for HPH Hospice veterans. Pat took pride in all her cooking and baking. She loved making specialty suppers and personalized birthday cakes for everyone. Her family will receive friends Saturday, July 9, 2022, from 8:30-9:30 am at the Carmon Windsor Funeral Home, 807 Bloomfield Avenue, Windsor followed by a Prayer Service at 9:30 AM. Burial will follow in Windsor Veterans Memorial Cemetery. In lieu of flowers, the family suggests memorials to Vitas Hospice, P.O. Box 1330, Lecanto, FL 34460. For directions or condolences please visit www.carmonfuneralhome.com.



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Sheffler, Dr. Keith D.

Dr. Keith D. Sheffler, 80, of Uxbridge MA died Thursday (June 30, 2022) at the Milford Regional Medical Center after an illness. He was the beloved husband of Kathleen (Browne) Sheffler and the devoted father of Dr. Cheryl Sheffler Rubenstein and Dr. William Sheffler. Funeral arrangements are under the direction of the Edwards Memorial Funeral Home, 44 Congress Street, Milford MA. Please visit www.edwardsmemorialfuneralhome.com for complete obituary & condolence book.

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Atkins, Richard



Richard Bruce Atkins, 79, of Southington, husband of Linda Ann (Korzynski) Atkins, passed away on June 14, 2022 at Hospital of Central CT in Southington. Born in Hartford, he was the son of the late Frederick W. and Caroline M. (Sichler) Atkins.

Rich graduated from Woodrow Wilson High School, New Haven College and Michigan State University



where he received his Master's Degree. He served in the U.S. Army in Korea. Rich retired from Fuji Medical Systems after having a stroke in 2008.

Rich and Linda were married in 1985 at the First United Methodist Church in Middletown and were devoted to each other for thirty-seven years. Rich will be sorely missed by his wife and she will always remember the many fun times they had together.

He was active with Boy Scouts Troop #3 in Middletown serving as troop committee chairman. Rich was member of the American Legion and the Moose Lodge. He enjoyed softball, music concerts and horse racing where he was part owner of two thoroughbreds. Rich was a kind and generous person with a great sense of humor.

Along with his wife, Rich is survived by two brothers, Harley Atkins and his wife, Gloria of Port Orange, FL, Barry Atkins and his wife Chris of Casco, ME; a sister, Valerie Bossie and her husband Thomas of New Portland, ME and many nieces and nephews.

Besides his parents, Rich is predeceased by a brother, F. Thomas Atkins.

Funeral service and burial will be private. Family and friends may call on Saturday, July 9th from 10:00 to 12:00 pm at the Doolittle Funeral Home, 14 Old Church Street, Middletown. In lieu of flowers, contributions in Rich's memory may be made to Tunnel to Towers Foundation, 2361 Hylan Boulevard, Staten Island, NY 10306. To share memories or send messages of condolences to the Atkins family, please visit www.doolittlefuneralservice.com

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Church, Sr, Clayton



Clayton Arnold Church, Sr. 89, of Windham, CT passed peacefully into everlasting rest surrounded by his loving family on July 1, 2022. Clayton was born in Vernon, CT on June 7, 1933 to Clinton and Doris (Snell) Church. He resided at St. Joseph Living Center for over a year. Clayton and his wife, Liz, lived in Coventry, CT for

over 60 years where they raised their five children. He served in the U.S. Army from 1953 to 1956. Clayton worked at Royal Typewriter of Hartford, CT for over 30 years and enjoyed fixing things.

He was a wonderful provider for his family and visited with extended family often. He was a devoted son who visited his mom in the nursing home almost every day. In addition to his wife of 65 years, Liz, Clayton is survived by his children, Deborah "Debbie" Kissane and her husband John, Angela Potterton and her husband Robert "Bob", Clayton Church, Jr and his wife Jacqueline, and Linda Richardson and her husband Brian; grandchildren, John, Ryan and his wife Jasmin, Patrick, James and his wife Lisa, Sean, Jack, Liam and his wife Taylor, Kathleen, and Molly Kissane, Robert Potterton III and his wife Carissa and Erica Potterton; and Jennifer and Jayla Church; great grandchildren, Erin, Brendan, Emma, and Ronan Kissane, Mia White, Adam and Kimberly Potterton; brother, Corey Church; sister-in-law, Joyce Church and nieces and nephews. He was predeceased by his parents, son Eric, sisters Isabelle Marinelli, Dorothy Randall and brothers Clinton Church, Clifton Church, and grandson, Brendan Kissane. There are no calling hours. Clayton's Funeral Mass was held on Tuesday, July 5, 2022 at St. Mary's Church in Coventry, CT. A private graveside service will be held at a later date. Memorial donations may be made to Birthright of Windham, 122 Valley Street, Willimantic, CT 06226. For an online memorial guestbook, please visit www.potterfuneralhome.com.

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Lanham, Jayne A (Bombard)

Jayne (Bombard) Lanham, of Windsor, CT passed away suddenly on June 11, 2022, at 64 years old. She was predeceased by her parents, Audrey and Edward Bombard. She is survived by her beloved daughter, Elizabeth (Liz) Bombard, son Matthew Moore, her sister Kathleen Sanborn, her brother Mark Bombard, her brother Keith Bombard and his wife Mary Ellen Keefe.

A graduate of the Culinary Institute of America in Hyde Park, NY, Jayne was an excellent chef, as well as a talented musician and songwriter, singing and playing piano at local venues for many years. She will be missed by many and remembered for her unique vocal style and the way she cared for others.

A private celebration of Jayne's life will be held at a future date.

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Lipka, Josephine (Lastrina)



Josephine (Lastrina) Lipka, 100, of Berlin, widow of Joseph F. Lipka, passed away peacefully Tuesday (June 28, 2022) at Monsignor Bojnowski Manor in New Britain. Born in Portland, CT, she was a former New Britain resident for over 60 years until moving to Berlin 9 years ago. Josephine was a homemaker as well as working at New Britain Cleaners for over 20 years. She was a former member of the Sons of Italy in New Britain.

Surviving is a son, Tom Lipka and his wife Susan of Kensington; a sister, Joan Magnano of Middletown; a sister-in-law, Ellie Lastrina of Portland; many nieces and nephews. Besides her husband Joseph, Josephine is predeceased by two brothers, Andrew and Sonny Lastrina, and three sisters, Mary Custy, Connie Markowski and Santina Carta.

Funeral services are Thursday (July 14, 2022) 11 AM at Carlson Funeral Home, 45 Franklin Square, New Britain. Calling hours are Thursday morning from 10 to 11 AM at the funeral home. Please share a memory or note of sympathy at www.carlsonfuneralhome.com



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Barillari, Catherine Ann (Papallo)



With heavy hearts, we announce the passing of Catherine Ann (Papallo) Barillari, 98, on July 3, 2022. She was born in New Britain, CT, daughter of the late Mary Scalise Papallo and Nicolas Papallo. She was raised in Meriden, CT, and graduated from Meriden High School in 1941. She was the beloved wife of Michael Barillari for 62 years, whom she met at Arthur Murray's Studio of Dance. Their love was a testimony to many as a match made in heaven. She was a longtime member of the Middletown Women's Elks club and a member of St. Mary's Parish of Portland, CT. She spent many memorable years with her family during the summers at Great Hill Lake in Portland, CT. Catherine and Michael spent their later years in Glastonbury, CT.

Catherine was an avid reader, cribbage player, and bowler. Her greatest joy was spending time with her family. Catherine had an infectious love of life and always encouraged the best in others, whether it was while watching recitals and graduations, or lending a kind ear to her grandchildren. Catherine's grace and love of life touched everyone she met, and the care she showed to others was second to none. She was a wonderful mother to Michael Barillari of Glastonbury, CT and to Lisa (Tony) Abbazia of Southport, CT. She was a loving grandmother to Rachael and Lauren Barillari, Aiden Edwards, Tony Jr., Sara, Jessica, Maria, Dominic, and Lydia Abbazia; a devoted sister to her predeceased siblings: Eleanor Papallo, Joseph Papallo, Phyllis Papallo, Mary Papallo, Nicholas Papallo, Louis Papallo, and Pearl Papallo, and survived by her brother, Thomas Papallo; and a loving aunt to numerous nieces and nephews, and grand nieces and nephews.

Catherine's 4' 11" frame held a spirit larger than life. She will be dearly missed by all who knew her. A Memorial Mass will be held on Monday, July 11th at 11 a.m. in St. Mary's Church, Portland. Friends may call at the Portland Memorial Funeral Home, 231 Main St, Portland, on Sunday, July 10th from 4-6 p.m. Burial will be private in St. Mary's Cemetery, Portland.

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Castañeda de Bardales, Rosita Maria



Rosita Maria Castañeda de Bardales, 80, of Riverview, FL, passed away at St. Joseph Hospital in Riverview on June 28, 2022. Born on September 4, 1941 in Peru, she was a daughter of the late Severo Castañeda Llanos and Rosa Isabel Diaz Barrantes de Castañeda. Rosita is survived by three sons Kenneth Bardales of Riverview, FL, Jack Bardales of Bristol, CT, and Steven Bardales of Riverview, FL; her sisters Olga Castañeda de Coriat, Mirtha Castañeda viuda de Medina, Betty Castañeda de Bustos, Elizabeth Castañeda de Irala, and Isabel Castañeda de Luna; her brother Hector Castañeda; her five grandchildren Jacob, Virgil, Julianna, and Adriella Bardales, and Dominic Rafaniello, plus many nieces and nephews. Rosita was predeceased by her son Christian Bardales in 1999. Rosita had lived in Bristol, CT for thirty years and New Britain, CT for eleven years. In Peru, she held a clerical position for the government. Once in America, she had worked for UCONN in Farmington Connecticut in the Facilities Management Department for over twenty years. After retirement, Rosita relocated to Riverview, FL where she resided for twelve years. She was well known amongst the Peruvian community out of Hartford, CT and participated in the annual Peruvian Catholic tradition for El Senior De Los Milagros (Lord of Miracles) procession – known as one of the largest religious processions in the world held in Peru. A wake will be held Friday July 8, 2022, from 5-7 p.m. at DuPont Funeral Home, 25 Bellevue Ave., Bristol, CT 06010. Funeral mass will be held on Saturday July 9, 2022, at St. Joseph Church, 33 Queen St., Bristol, CT with Father Ivan Ramirez officiating in English and Spanish. Burial will follow at St. Joseph Cemetery, 522 Terryville Ave., Bristol, next to her son Christian. The mass and burial are open to the public, all are welcome. Family and friends are also invited to leave a condolence message by visiting www.dupontfuneralhome.com.

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LoPreiato, Domenica A,



Domenica A. LoPreiato, 83, of Kensington passed away on Wednesday, June 29, 2022 at The Hospital of Central Connecticut. She was the beloved wife of Domenic J. LoPreiato. Born in Stefanaconi, Italy, Domenica was the daughter of the late Antonio and Teresa (Arcella) Loproieto. She was predeceased by two sisters Rafaella Loproieto, her twin and Anna Carullo.

In addition to her husband, she is survived by her two sons Matteo LoPreiato and his wife Courtney of Berlin, Anthony LoPreiato and his wife Gina of Kensington, her two daughters Maria Siciliano and her husband Nicholas of Glastonbury, and Terry Turcotte of Kensington, her seven grandchildren Elizabeth, Melissa and Anthony LoPreiato, Matthew and Natalie Siciliano, Robert and Victoria Turcotte, her brother Dominic Loproieto and his wife Marianne of Berlin, her sister Christina Rubino and her husband Gaetano of Kensington, and several nieces and nephews.

Domenica worked for Connecticut Mutual Insurance Company in Hartford as well as The Stanley Works before retiring in 1999. Domenica was a member of St. Paul Church, Kensington and a member of the Ladies Guild Club for many years. Domenica will be greatly missed by all that had the pleasure to know her as she held a caring heart for everyone she knew. She was a devoted wife, mother and grandmother, and always admired for her kind, humble spirit. A Mass of Christian Burial will be celebrated on Thursday, July 7, 2022 at 11:30 am at St. Paul Church, 461 Alling St, Kensington. The family respectfully requests that all people in attendance wear a mask. Burial will be in St. Mary Cemetery, New Britain. There are no calling hours. For online condolences, please visit www.mulryanfh.com.

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Battistini, Hazel



Hazel (Robbins) Battistini, 85 of West Hartford, loving wife of Robert Battistini lost her battle to cancer on Saturday July 2, 2022. Hazel was born May 29, 1937 in Chatham, MA where she resided for 7 years until her father accepted a job with Pratt and Whitney. She was a graduate of East Hartford High School and accepted an Administrative role at Pratt and Whitney where she worked for 37 years. Hazel then worked part-time for Dr. Robert Galvin & Dr. David Mintill until she finally retired for good at 70. In August 1971, she married Robert and they moved to West Hartford where they resided for over 50 years. Hazel was always full of life and would always be a willing participant. Her hobbies included duckpin bowling, bridge, traveling & spending time with her family where she hosted many family gatherings. Hazel was also an avid lover of animals especially her beloved dogs, Polky and Shammy. She is preceded in death by her sister, Joyce R. Potter and brother-in-law Frank H. Potter. Besides Robert, Hazel is survived by her sister and best friend, Helen R. Varner and Brother in-law, Bud of East Hartford; brother-in-law Daniel Battistini and wife Tootie of Wethersfield. She is also survived by her niece, Karen Garrett and husband EJ of Windsor Locks, niece, Kimberly Varner of Tipperary, Ireland; nephew, Brian Varner of Suffield and cousin, Crayton "Nick" Nickerson of Chatham, MA. Hazel adored her Triplet great nieces, Meah, Emaleigh and nephew Michael and loved visiting them in Ireland and when they came to visit her in the USA. Hazel also loved spending time with her great niece, Avery and great nephews, Owen and Jackie. Family and friends who's lives Hazel touched are invited to Rose Hill Funeral Home 580 Elm St. Rocky Hill, CT, Thursday, July 07, 2022 from 10:00am to 11:00am with services starting at 11:00am and burial to follow in the Rose Hill Memorial Park. Please share online expressions of sympathy, memories or photo tributes at www.rosehillfuneralhomes.com

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Gino, James Vincent



James Vincent Gino, 60, of Simsbury, CT, beloved husband of Anita (Belleau) Gino, passed away on Friday, July 1, 2022 at home with family by his side after a courageous battle with an extended illness. He was born November 1, 1961 in Bethpage, NY, son of the late Angelo and Rose Mary (Scalise) Gino. He was also predeceased by his birth mother, Carol (Sparagano) Gino when he was 5 years old. Jim lived in Massapequa, NY before relocating to Simsbury, CT 28 years ago. He was a graduate of SUNY Buffalo, class of 1984 with a Bachelor's Degree in Engineering. He was a general manager at General Electric, having joined GE when it merged with Alstom Power, where he worked for more than two decades. Prior to working at Alstom Power, Jim worked at the Long Island Lighting Company as a mechanical engineer. Jim was a parishioner of St. Mary's Church in Simsbury. He enjoyed spending time outdoors fishing, playing golf, and biking, and loved to take trips to Cape Cod and Disney World with his beloved family and friends. He was an excellent craftsman who enjoyed putting his skills to work to improve the family home. In addition to his loving wife of 36 years, he is survived by his daughter, Melissa Finken (Andrew) of Simsbury, CT; his brother, Robert Gino (Paul Bianchi) of New York, NY; and his sister, Laura Gino of Middletown, CT. He is also survived by his in-laws, a niece, two nephews and a large extended family. He will be dearly missed by his four legged companion Brody. Calling hours will be held in Simsbury, CT on Wednesday, July 6th from 4:00 PM to 8:00 PM at the Vincent Funeral Home, 880 Hopmeadow Street and in Farmingdale, NY on Friday, July 8th from 4:00 PM to 8:00 PM at the Arthur F. White Funeral Home, 315 Conklin Street. Mass of Christian Burial will be at 10:00 AM on Thursday, July 7th at St. Mary's Church in Simsbury. Friends and family may call at the Vincent Funeral Home at 9:15 AM and join the procession to the church. Entombment will be on Saturday, July 9th at St. Charles Cemetery in Farmingdale, NY. Funeral procession will leave at 11:00 AM from the Arthur F. White Funeral Home in Farmingdale, NY. In lieu of flowers, the family asks for donations to ridoclosertofree.org/donate Team Jim Gino. This charity raises money for research and care for cancer patients at Smilow Cancer Hospital and Yale Cancer Center. Please visit Jim's Book of Memories at www.vincentfuneralhome.com for online tributes.

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Roussis, Konstantinos A.



Kostas Roussis, passed away peacefully at his home on the morning of Sunday, July 3rd. Kostas was born to Anastasios Roussis and Orea Pascal in Philippopolis, Bulgaria. While still very young, before WWII, his family moved to Thessaloniki, Greece. He had his schooling interrupted by WWII and the family moved to the country to escape all the bombing from the Nazis. After WWII the Greek Civil War broke out and because he was one of the few men in his unit who could read and write he was made the radio man. Once he finished his required military service his father told him he had two options: join the family butcher business or become a doctor. He really wanted to be a mathematician but being a good son, became a doctor. He attended medical school at the University of Thessaloniki and hearing that the United States needed doctors he and many of his friends emigrated here. He did his residency at Memorial Sloan Kettering and specialized in treating cancer with radiation therapy. He met a young woman named Judy Lieval who would soon become his wife. In the early seventies the young family moved to West Hartford and Kostas began working at St. Francis Hospital in Hartford. He was their first Radiation Therapist. He spent 25 years at St. Francis and enjoyed it immensely. When not working at the hospital he enjoyed discussing philosophy with his friends, studying Spanish, riding his bicycle, eating and traveling. Kostas lost his first wife Judy to cancer in 2001. He is survived by his daughters Anastasia, Orea, Susan and her husband Eric Lindberg and his three grandchildren James, Curtis and Evan. He is also survived by his second wife Kallopie. There will be a small public burial at the Fairview Cemetery, 200 Whitman Avenue in West Hartford on Thursday July 7th at 11a.m. In lieu of flowers donations can be made in memory of Konstantinos Roussis to St. Francis Hospital Medical Center, 114 Woodland St, Hartford, CT 06105. Directions and online expressions of sympathy may be made at www.mollofuneralhome.com

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Clough, Raymond Joseph



Raymond J. Clough died unexpectedly on June 30th, surrounded by his beloved wife and children. He was 82. Ray was born in Hartford, CT to the late Raymond and Mae (Walsh) Clough and is predeceased by his sister Patricia Clough and many other relatives including his beloved aunt Nora Walsh. He went to college at Holy Cross, and on one fateful car ride back to CT, he met the love of his life, Ruth (Sipples) Clough. Ray and Ruth were married in 1962 in Washington DC. Ray earned a Masters from Catholic University and a Ph.D. from SUNY Buffalo. Ray and Ruth settled down in Buffalo, NY. Ray's biggest joy in life was his family. He is survived by his wife of 60 years Ruth, his five children and their spouses, Lisa (Michael), David (Kristin), Michael (Elizabeth), Edward (Pamela) and Rachel (Martin) and 12 grandchildren. Celebration of life to follow at a later date.

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Evans, Dawne



Dawne Evans, 43, of East Hartford, CT, died suddenly on June 25, 2022. Her loss was completely unexpected, and the family is shocked and deeply saddened. Dawne was born on September 05, 1978, in Akron, Ohio, to John and Cynthia Evans. After graduating high school, Dawne moved to East Hartford, CT, to be close to family. Anyone who knew Dawne knew she was kind, loving, and caring. She had an immense passion for writing and travel and was always a source of positivity. She is predeceased by her father, John Evans. She leaves to cherish her memory her daughter Aiyana Scotland, mother Cynthia Evans, brothers John Evans (Amie), Brian Keaton (Wendy), Adrian Jackson & sister Martina Evans; nieces Moargen Evans, Ceanah Ross-Evans, Justice Evans, & Brianna Keaton; nephews Joshua Kiernan, Jamie (Amber) Keaton, Michael & Rodney Thomas, uncles and a host of cousins, as well as devoted friend Otis (Johnny) Scotland. A tremendous amount of family and friends will miss her more than words can say. A memorial service to celebrate Dawne will be scheduled at a later time.

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Lane, Tina



Tina Trapp Lane, 60, of Vernon, CT, passed away unexpectedly on 6/26/22 at Saint Francis Hospital. Tina is survived by her husband of 32 years, Jonathan Lane Sr., of Vernon, son Kristopher Lane of Vernon, son Joshua Lane and fiancé Caitlin of Ellington, son Jonathan Lane Jr. and wife Michelle and two grandchildren, her biggest fans, Benjamin and Molly, father Ronald Trapp Sr. and his wife Gloria of Vernon, mother Beverly Warga of East Hampton, sister Lisa Foreman and her husband Marvin of East Hampton, brother Ronald Trapp Jr. and wife Mary of East Hampton, along with many nieces, nephews, friends, and loving dogs Diesel and Daisy. Tina loved beading and crafting, and was always there to lend an ear or helping hand to anyone who needed it. Please try to wear purple in memory of Tina. Her committal will be private and held by family at a later date. Calling Hours for Tina will be held Thursday, July 7, 2022 from 4:00 PM to 6:30 PM at Newkirk & Whitney Funeral Home, 318 Burnside Ave, East Hartford, Connecticut 06108, followed by a Funeral Home Service from 6:30 PM to 7:00 PM. Fond memories and expressions of sympathy may be shared at www.NewkirkandWhitney.com for the Lane family.

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Marchionni, Wanda



Wanda, 95, went home to be with the Lord. She passed peacefully at Southington Care Center after a long convalescence. Wanda was born to Teofil and Stella Suchowiecki on September 22, 1926 in Wilkes-Barre, Pennsylvania. She lived her adult life in New Britain and Kensington Connecticut. Wanda was a devoted wife, mother, grandmother, great-grandmother, and friend to many. She held several jobs over her life, primarily in retail. She was active in local politics. Her biggest love was her family. Wanda had a close group of friends with whom she shared her life. She brought compassion, laughs, and memories to everyone in her world. She was an inspiration to others by never indulging in self-pity or negative thinking, even during great challenges. In addition to her parents, Wanda was predeceased in death by her husband, Brandino Marchionni, three sisters and two brothers and a dear friend Stanley Paulauskas. Left to cherish her memories are her son, Leonard of Charlotte, North Carolina, his wife Patricia, daughters Ann Perzan and her husband Thomas of Osterville, Massachusetts, Janine Smith and her partner Dwayne Couch of Westcliffe, Colorado. In addition she leaves seven grandchildren and eleven great-grandchildren a full life. The family would like to thank Southington Care Center for their love and care over the past 7 and a half years. As a celebration of Wanda's life, a service will be held at St. Paul Church, on Alling Street in Kensington, CT at 10:00AM on July 7, 2022 followed by a graveside service at St. Mary's Cemetery in New Britain. In lieu of flowers, the family suggests donations to St. Jude's Children's Hospital or a charity of your choice. To send condolences and memories of Wanda please visit www.berlimemorialfuneralhome.com

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Oehler, Harold

Harold Oehler, 104, passed away in Stafford, CT on Saturday, December 4, 2021. A calling hour will be held on Saturday, July 9, 2022 from 10-11 A.M., with a memorial service to take place at 11 A.M., at Introvigne Funeral Home, Inc., 51 East Main St., Stafford Springs, CT. Burial with Military Honors will follow in St. Edward Cemetery, Stafford Springs, CT. To view the entire obituary, or to leave a condolence online for the family, please visit: www.introvignefuneralhome.com

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Silverstein, Edward



Edward Leon “Ed” Silverstein, 84, of Avon, beloved husband of Claire (Gladstein) Silverstein, passed away on Friday July 1, 2022, at St. Francis Hospital, after a brief illness. Born in Suffern, NY on January 28, 1938, the son of the late Philip and Eva (Mendelson) Silverstein. Ed was raised in Spring Valley, NY and was a 1956 graduate of Spring Valley High School. After High School Ed enlisted in the United States Army Reserves and proudly served his country. Once his service was completed Ed joined the family business, ACME Rivet & Machine Company, which was owned by his uncle. Once the business closed, Ed became an entrepreneur. He owned and operated hair salons and other businesses, ultimately retiring in 2010. Ed had a strong connection to his community. He was an Eagle Scout and eventually a Boy Scout leader. He was a member of the Jaycee’s as a young man and also ran the Simsbury International Youth Soccer League. Ed was also a member of the Chamber of Commerce in Newington as well as their Rotary Club, where he was involved in many notable projects, was a 2-time past president and Paul Harris Fellow award recipient. Additionally, Ed worked for 5 years at the Farmington Food Bank. And was a longtime active member of the Farmington Valley Jewish Congregation where he served as a board member. Ed is survived by his wife of 61 years Claire Silverstein of Avon, his daughter Beth Silverstein Hayes and her husband Kenneth of Bristol, RI, his sons, Philip Silverstein and his wife Lise of Ashford CT and Marc Silverstein and his wife Carolyn of Southborough, MA, his eight grandchildren, Lindsay Silverstein Dikun and her husband Brian of Willington, CT., Ashley Hayes Phelps and her husband Christopher of Killingly, CT., Jason Acciola of Exeter, RI., Daniel Hannon and his wife Shawna of Glastonbury CT, Jillian Hayes and her fiancé Thomas Grime of Fall River, MA., Hunter Silverstein and Tyler Silverstein of Merztown, PA., and Grace Silverstein of Southborough, MA., his four great-grandchildren, Aubrey Violette, Logan Dikun, Kade Phelps and Rhett Phelps, his sister, Lois Levine of Annapolis, MD., and many beloved nieces, nephews and friends. A Funeral Service will be held on Wednesday, July 6, 2022, at 12 noon at Farmington Valley Jewish Congregation-Emek Shalom, 55 Bushy Hill Road, Simsbury, CT 06070. Burial will follow in Farmington Valley Jewish Congregation-Emek Shalom Memorial Park, 50 Mountain View Avenue, Avon, CT 06001. Memorial donations in Ed’s memory may be made to Farmington Valley Jewish Congregation. For condolences, please visit www.carmonfuneralhome.com.



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Tardif , Maureen H.



Maureen Hillarie Tardif, 73, of Berlin, loving wife of the late Joseph R. Tardif, beloved mother and grandmother, passed away peacefully at her home on Saturday July 2nd, 2022. Born in Kingston, New York on August 24th, 1948, she was the daughter of the late Hillary and Margaret Woods. Maureen married in 1970 and lived in Newington for 30 years before returning to Berlin where she grew up. She loved to read, spend time on her iPad, crochet, go on family vacations, and above all, loved to spend time with her family. Maureen worked as an administrative assistant at The Hartford Golf Club for the past 37 years. Maureen enjoyed her job and had made many cherished friendships. She was beloved by family and friends alike for the generosity, love and kindness that she always displayed. Maureen was loved by all who knew her and she will be deeply missed. Maureen is survived by her daughter Melissa Tardif; son Jeffrey Tardif and his wife Olga Tardif; grandchildren Dean Guerrette, Albert, Alison, and Aiden Tardif; and her brother Terrance Woods and sister-in-law Beverly Michaud. She was predeceased by her brother Edward Woods and sister Joan Peplau. Relatives and friends are invited to call on Thursday, July 7th, from 5:00 to 8:00 p.m. at Duksa Family Funeral Homes at Newington Memorial, 20 Bonair Ave in Newington. Her funeral service will begin on Friday, July 8th at 9:00 a.m. at the funeral home, followed by a Mass of Christian Burial at 10:00 a.m. at St. Paul’s Church, 461 Alling Street Kensington. She will be laid to rest following the mass in St. Mary Cemetery, New Britain. To share a memory with her family, please visit us at www.duksa.net.

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Sullivan, Robert



With heavy hearts we announce the passing of our beloved husband, father, grandfather, uncle, and friend, Robert J. “Bob” Sullivan. Bob, age 85, died Friday morning July 1 at home following an extended illness. He was an inspiration to all of us, meeting his daily challenges with courage, optimism and concern for his family. His love for us was boundless. Throughout his illness Bob kept his sense of humor and charm, and never stopped yearning for a way to heal. He exemplified the saying that ‘courage isn’t having the strength to go on, it is going on when you don’t have the strength’.

He was born in 1936 in Hopkinton, MA, son of the late Daniel and Gertrude Sullivan, and was a resident of Tolland, CT for almost 55 years. He graduated from Lyndon State College in VT and obtained his Master’s degree from The University of Hartford. He spent the majority of his adult life as a teacher and an administrator in the Stafford Public School System, teaching History and English. He loved his profession and especially his students, remaining friends with many of them until the time of his death.

Bob was a proud veteran who willingly served for over 30 years in the United States Army. He was a distinguished First Sergeant during Operation Desert Storm and was honorably discharged from service in 1996, retiring as a Master Sergeant. The military was a significant part of his life, pride and accomplishments. He was a lifetime member of the Veterans of Foreign Wars and a member of the American Legion.

Bob loved visits with family and friends, crossword puzzles, sports, fishing and traveling out West to national parks. He had a love of food, never meeting a seafood platter or bowl of ice cream he didn’t enthusiastically enjoy. He always looked forward to weekly gatherings with friends, and was a charter member of a special group, The ROMEOs (Retired Old Men Eating Out).

Bob leaves behind his loving wife Judith of 54 years. He was blessed with two beautiful daughters, Stephanie Sullivan of Natick, MA, Christine (Frank) Barretta of Southington CT; two grandchildren, who were the lights of his life, Ryan and Alison Barretta; and many nieces and nephews. His little dog Ella also misses him dearly. Bob was predeceased by sisters Mary Kowalyszyn and Joan Sullivan.

Bob also leaves behind many good friends and fond acquaintances, too numerous to mention, though not intentionally overlooked. Our family would like to especially acknowledge John Gracey, who Bob always considered a brother. Our family is forever grateful John was a part of Bob’s life for so many years. We wish to thank all who expressed love and concern to Bob and our family during his illness.

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Vertefeuille, Roger



Roger D Vertefeuille, husband of Carol (Bezzini) Vertefeuille, of town of Wethersfield CT, passed away on June 28, 2022, with family by his side. He was born on November 18, 1933, to his late parents Ann-Marie and Lucian Vertefeuille. Roger was a veteran of the United States Air Force, who fought in the Korean War. He played baseball for the Air Force team, and after leaving he was selected to play for the Brooklyn Dodgers. Roger was a member of the 1950 undefeated football team of Buckley High School in Hartford, and played with some of the greats. Roger graduated from the University of Connecticut with BS degree in physical Education. He was an outstanding baseball player, and was looked at by some of the mayor league scouts, Roger held a physical education and coaching position in the city of Harford. Roger then coached for over 30 years at Buckley High School in three sports; cross country, wrestling and outdoor track. Roger was a master teacher for teaching the fundamentals of wrestling to young men. He could train and mold a novice athlete into a state champion, New England champion and high school All American. Roger was famous for driving his green Volkswagen bug alongside his athletes while running. He also used this technique on his wife yelling encouraging words to “run faster”. Roger has a love for playing golf with his friends at Goodwin Park in Hartford, and also enjoyed playing cards afterwards, he was a kind and loving person who always there for neighbors, family and friends. Roger’s achievements throughout his life are as follows: Elected to the National wrestling Hall of Fame, 2004, 15 State Sectional champions, 13 state champions, 10 conference champions, 9 open champions, 5 USA All American coached, 10 State sectional championships, wrestling teams won over 250 matches from 1968-1994, High School coaches Association coach of the year.

He was predeceased by his two twin sons; Brandon and Brett. He leaves behind his sister Jeannine Robitaille and her deceased husband Edmund, his nephew John and his wife Linda Robitaille and nephew Phillip Robitaille, his niece Arlene Degan, Sharon Baxter and her deceased husband Beau, followed by 5 great nephews, 1 great niece, and 1 great nephew. A Mass of Christian Burial for Roger will be held Friday, July 8, 2022 at 10:00 AM at St Mary Church, 15 Maplewood Ave, East Hartford, Connecticut 06108. Following the Mass of Christian Burial will be a Committal Service at 11:05 AM at St Mary’s Cemetery, 930 Burnside Avenue, East Hartford, CT. In lieu of flowers donations to a charity of your choice in Roger’s name. Fond memories and expressions of sympathy may be shared at www.NewkirkandWhitney.com for the Vertefeuille family.

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Gun violence mars holiday weekend

One woman killed, 5 others injured in Hartford shootings; police seeking house party witnesses

By Taylor Hartz
Hartford Courant

As fireworks boomed across the sky over the long Fourth of July weekend, gunshots rang out over and over in the city of Hartford, leaving one woman dead and five others injured.

So far in 2022, 69 people have been wounded by gunfire in Hartford and 22 people have died, according to police. The Fourth of July weekend shootings accounted

for about 7% of this year's gunshot wounds in Hartford and 4.5% of the year's fatal shootings.

A 22-year-old woman at a house party on Shultas Place was caught in the crossfire of a shooting just after 2 a.m. on July 4, according to the Hartford Police Department.

Jayla Heaven, owner of the take-out food service Heavenly Eats and Treats out of East Hartford, died after being rushed to a hospital. She was an entrepreneur who cooked custom orders that customers

placed through her website, with menu specials like cajun chicken and seafood boils.

Between 12:01 a.m. on Friday and midnight on Monday, another five people were shot in the city but survived.

A man in his 20s was shot at the same party where Heaven was killed. He showed up at a nearby hospital with a gunshot wound that was non-life-threatening, police said.

Police believe dozens of people witnessed the shooting at the large party and were asking witnesses to come forward. Some of Heaven's loved ones posted on social media

that a video of the shooting was circulating online.

Heaven's mother, Keosha Thomas, posted a message on Facebook to her daughter, telling her she loved her. She asked people to keep her and her family in their thoughts in the wake of their loss.

Two teenagers were also shot in Hartford early Friday morning. Police responded to a Shotspotter alert about 4:20 a.m. near 2 Bourbon St. While they were on the scene, two 17-year-old boys arrived at a local hospital with gunshot wounds, police said.

Neither of their injuries were life-threatening, police said.

Lt. Aaron Boisvert of the Hartford Police Department said that none of the shootings this weekend appeared to be connected. He said it wasn't clear whether the holiday weekend or the hot weather contributed to the violence across the city.

"There's no rhyme or reason for these things a lot of times," he said. "They can't necessarily be tied to one thing or another."

The shooting at the party, he said, did seem to be the result of "a personal dispute," Boisvert said. Police were still urging people who

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ELECTION 2022

For GOP hopeful, timing is critical

Larson challenger Lazor says voters are ready for a change

By Stephen Underwood
Hartford Courant

Dr. Larry Lazor, a West Hartford resident and an OB/GYN at Hartford Hospital, will be the first to admit he is running an uphill battle for the 1st Congressional District seat held by long-time incumbent John Larson.

But Lazor, who announced his candidacy over a year ago, believes this year in particular could be a real chance for the Republican Party to make inroads across the country.

"I think there is a great opportunity right now," said Lazor. "People have an incredibly low confidence in Congress, and the GOP has done very poor in New England over the last decade. I think there is an opportunity at this moment to push back on Democrat spending while reinvigorating the Republican base here in our state."

In historically deep blue Connecticut, Democrats are polling on average worse than they have in years past as high gas prices, the worst inflation in 40 years, the war in Ukraine and a persistent pandemic weigh on voters and President Joe Biden faces historically low approval ratings.

"Historically the incumbent party who controls the White House always has a tough road to climb," said Dr. Ronald Schurin, associate professor of political science at UConn. "The economy is always the single biggest factor unless there is some huge national crisis. So it is going to be a difficult year overall for Democrats to overcome these obstacles."

But the 1st Congressional District may be considered one of the safer races for Democrats.

"It would take a huge Republican wave to put Larson in any real jeopardy," Schurin said. "Republicans will most likely fare better this time around, but I do think it would be tough for any Republican to overcome the huge democratic majority in that district."

It has been more than a decade



Lazor

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Staff from retirement and investment company Johnson Brunetti help to put together 11 bicycles that are to be donated to Camp Courant. DOUGLAS HOOK/HARTFORD COURANT

Building bikes for Hartford campers

For Wethersfield firm, event is 'a great way to give back'

By Stephen Underwood
Hartford Courant

Riding a bicycle is a childhood rite of passage for many, yet for some children it remains out of reach. But staff at one local business dedicated a day to inflating tires and turning wrenches to ensure more children can get on a bike this summer.

"It's really important that kids be kids," said Johnson Brunetti, CFP of Johnson Brunetti Retirement and Investment Specialists. "We're very involved in serving our communities but especially committed to the youth in our area."

Johnson Brunetti, a Wethersfield-based retirement investment firm, held a "Build a Bike" event on Tuesday at the Glastonbury boat-house. The event included Brunetti's entire staff assembling 11 new bicycles to be given to Camp Courant in Farmington.

Camp Courant is the largest free summer day camp in the nation and provides Hartford youth with transportation, health and social work services, recreational, educational and developmental activities.

"It's really great to be here and take part in this," said Eric Hogarth, partner and certified financial planner at Johnson Brunetti.

"Once a quarter our whole company gets together to meet up and donate some time for a community service event. So this is a really neat way to give back to one of our longest partners like Camp Courant."

The event featured five teams made up of Johnson Brunetti staff members who competed against each other. Each team played a first round of trivia which was followed by a race to see how fast each team could assemble a bicycle. Each team received points for how quickly they assembled their bikes, how safely the bike was

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REVIEW

5 music releases to rock your July

By Christopher Arnott
Hartford Courant

The local music scene is where you find it. Not all that long ago, if you wanted a local band's new album, you'd have to catch a live show. Some acts are still old-school about packaging and presentation, with nice CD covers and record release shows, but you're just as likely to come across a local band's new material on their website, Bandcamp, or a short live set on YouTube. Here are five recent releases worth cocking an ear at.

Stephen Peter Rodgers — 'Speck on a Clover': In his youth, Steve Rodgers was known as the front-man of the grandiose New Haven rock band Mighty Purple, then as the founder of a vital community-based music club The Space. There have been a few low-key solo projects over the decades, some of them quite dark and introspective, but nothing like this: a beautifully produced multifaceted pop record with frisky metronomic beats, sweet strings and synths and Rodgers' now-weathered voice bringing humanity and vulnerability to some positivistic sentiments.

"Speck on a Clover" came out of a write-a-song-a-week challenge Rodgers set for himself during the pandemic. He wrote 40 songs and winnowed that down to the dozen on this album. Some of the tunes still evoke the swirling '80s rock sound (think Peter Gabriel or even

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Can recreational marijuana bring social equity?

Massachusetts offers a case study for retail upstarts in Connecticut

By Erica E. Phillips
CT Mirror

In the industrial kitchen at Major Bloom, staff are assembling joints using a gadget that turns out nearly 200 so-called "pre-rolls" in one go. A large bag of multicolored fruit cereal sits ready to be baked into marijuana-infused treats. And owner Ulysses Youngblood is explaining the business philosophy he subscribes to, a "blue ocean" strategy.

"Blue ocean is basically like saying that there's enough space for everybody to have their own lane, essentially," he says. "There's enough water in the sea for us to kind of sail and do our own thing."

The concept comes from Chan Kim and Renée Mauborgne, best-selling authors of several books on "red ocean" and "blue ocean" theory. Red oceans are existing markets, where competition is cutthroat, or bloody; Blue oceans are niches in the market, where innovative businesses can carve out new demand.

In the fledgling cannabis industry, large companies have quickly risen to dominate the market in

states where pot is now legal. But Youngblood says he believes there's room for everyone, if they think about cannabis as a blue ocean, like he does. "That's what's important, you know. You don't look at anyone as direct competition."

Retail sales of recreational weed got going in Massachusetts in 2018. Here in Connecticut, they're slated to begin by the end of this year.

But as state regulators begin awarding licenses to select adult-use operators and businesses scramble to build out capacity, cannabis entrepreneurs, customers and communities around the state are increasingly concerned about equity — whether there really is

room for everyone.

Some are already raising questions about the licensing process in Connecticut. The application to enter a lottery for the limited number of available licenses was cumbersome and the paperwork requirements extensive. Fees to enter the lottery varied by business type, but some applicants argued the process favored those who could afford to apply more than once. Already to some, the odds seem stacked against those without significant financial resources.

And that's only the first step. Those lucky enough to win the

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‘Joker,’ 2nd man arrested on drug charges in Bridgeport

By Mike Mavredakis
Hartford Courant

Two Bridgeport men were arrested on narcotics possession and distribution charges on Friday after police received a tip that a dealer named “Joker” was selling crack cocaine at a residence on Hallett Street.

Bridgeport police arrested Pedro “Joker” Ortiz, 52, and Morris “Moe” Moore, 50, each of Bridgeport.

A police investigation into the tip identified a suspect, and police learned that Joker had an associate who would help supply the Hallett Street operation. Narcotics officers obtained a search and seizure warrant, which they executed on Friday.

Police say Ortiz had narcotics in his possession when they searched him and imme-

diately arrested him outside his Hallett Street residence.

While attempting to search the residence, police said Moore opened and then quickly closed the door on officers. Police were able to get inside before Moore could lock the door. They then arrested Moore for interfering with the lawful execution of a search and seizure warrant.

Police said they found Moore had a “large quantity of crack cocaine” on him after they searched him.

In total, police found over 157 grams of crack cocaine, almost five grams of powdered cocaine, a small amount of fentanyl and ammunition.

Police said Morris and Ortiz are convicted felons and cannot possess guns or ammunition. Morris was

sentenced to 30 months in jail in 2016 for possession of a controlled substance with intent to sell or distribute, according to court records. Ortiz has two misdemeanors on his record, according to court records.

Morris was charged with the operation of a drug factory, possession of narcotics with intent to sell, criminal possession of ammunition and interfering with a search warrant. His bond was set at \$150,000, and he was released after posting it. He is scheduled to appear in court on July 14.

Ortiz was charged with the operation of a drug factory, possession of narcotics with intent to sell and criminal possession of ammunition. His bond was set at \$125,000, and he was scheduled to appear in court on Tuesday.

Report of stolen plates leads to firearms arrest

A Waterbury man was arrested on firearms charges after Southington police were investigating a vehicle with stolen license plates on Saturday.

Marqus Dasilva, 25, was taken into custody after a Southington police officer located the 2002 Honda Accord parked in a municipal parking lot located on 129 Center Street.

Upon arrival, police said the officer spoke with a female passenger and then

was approached by Dasilva, who identified himself as the owner of the vehicle. He was asked to provide his license and registration. According to police, when Dasilva opened the driver-side door of the vehicle, the officer observed a Taurus 9 mm handgun laying on the front driver’s side seat in plain view. The loaded handgun contained a 17-round magazine and one live round in the chamber, police said.

Dasilva was immediately

detained by police. Dasilva did not have a valid State of Connecticut pistol permit and was showing the status of a convicted felon. The vehicle was unregistered and uninsured, according to police.

Dasilva was charged with illegal possession of a weapon in a motor vehicle, criminal possession of a firearm, second-degree reckless endangerment in the illegal possession of a large-capacity magazine, theft of a marker plate, misuse of a marker plate, no insurance and operating an unregistered motor vehicle.

— *Ahjané Forbes*

Bikes

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assembled and for helping fellow teams. The last competition was a race on the bicycles to test their safety before being handed over to be used for camp.

“It’s so much fun having everyone together and working for a great cause,” said Mikaela Parlapiano, marketing and inventory fulfillment coordinator at Brunetti. “It’s such a great way to give back to the community. I’ve only been here a month but the sense of community is really strong.”

The bikes, which come partly pre-assembled, take about 15 minutes to put the tires, baskets, seats and decorations on. Each bike is designed for children around 10 years old who already have had training on how to ride.

“While we have bikes for our younger campers, we don’t have any bikes for our older kids,” said Corrianne Chipello, CEO of Camp Courant. “So this is a really great opportunity to teach our older kids bike safety while also allowing them the joys of riding a bike.”

Brunetti has been partners with Camp Courant

for more than five years and sponsors the annual Johnsson Brunetti Twilight 5K & Kids Fun Run for Camp Courant held in May.

“Because of Brunetti’s generosity and donations we can send more kids to camp,” Chipello said. “They remain very committed to our organization and it’s because of partners like Brunetti that we continue to run at full capacity. They understand how important our mission is to help kids develop and grow.”

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Shootings

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were at the party to come forward with information that could help investigators.

“We know that dozens of people watched it happen,” he said of the shooting.

During the same time period this weekend in Waterbury, officers responded to four reports of shots fired but no injuries were reported in any of those incidents, the department said.

Connecticut State Police did not respond to any gun violence incidents over the holiday weekend, other than deaths by suicide involving guns, according to Sergeant Christine Jeltema.

Five people were shot in the city of New Haven over the long holiday weekend, but none were killed. The victims included a five-year-old who was grazed by a bullet, police said.

Two of the shootings were reported to police less

than 10 minutes apart on Saturday night.

At 11:01 p.m. on Sunday, officers received Shotspotter alerts and calls reporting a person shot on Goffe Street between Orchard Street and Winter Street, according to the New Haven Police Department.

Officers found a 20-year-old woman who had been hit by bullets. The woman, from New Haven, was taken by ambulance to Yale New Haven Hospital where she was treated for injuries that weren’t believed to be life-threatening, police said.

Nine minutes later, someone called 911 to report a person who had been shot on Poplar Street. Officers found a man suffering from life-threatening injuries in the area, between Pine Street and Chatham Street. He was also rushed to Yale New Haven, where he was listed in critical condition, police said.

In another incident in New Haven the night before, a 5-year-old was grazed by a bullet, police

said. Someone called 911 to report that two people had been shot about 11:04 p.m. on Judith Terrace, between Quinnipiac Avenue and the nearby dead-end.

Officers found a 26-year-old man who had been shot and a 5-year-old with a graze wound on their lower leg, police said. They were both taken to Yale New Haven Hospital where the child’s condition was stabilized and the man was in critical condition, police said.

A 32-year-old man was also shot in New Haven on Saturday night, about five minutes after the man and child were wounded.

The man walked into a hospital with a gunshot wound and was treated for injuries that weren’t life-threatening, police said.

The Hartford Police Major Crimes and Crime Scene Divisions were investigating the shooting at the party in Hartford. Anyone with information is asked to call the police tip line at 860-722-8477.

Music

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U2) that Mighty Purple specialized in, but they’re more focused, with more complex lyrics. Most of the songs are, considering recent times, refreshingly optimistic, with messages like “Don’t give up... This life will get so much better, I promise you that.” Warm and sentimental, with a pop heart. stephenpeterroddgers.com/home.

Perennial — ‘In the Midnight Hour’: With song titles like “Soliloquy for Neal Perry,” “I Am the Whooping Crane” and “Hey Eurydice,” you might worry that the second Perennial album is too silly to get seriously worked up about. Well, have no fear — or rather, have exactly the right amount of fear, because this is hard-charging atmospher-

ically creepy garage-punk delivered with equal parts amusement and menace.

The title song shocks you into submission with horrific yells and frantic guitars. All the songs are disarmingly short, and with curious creepy nether-world-lounge interludes. The shared male/female vocals of leaders Chad and Chelsey obviously conjure up the band X at times, but Perennial doesn’t really sound like anybody else: moody and withdrawn one moment, jazzy and percussive the next, then out of their minds screeching and playing the guitar equivalent of fingernails on a blackboards. It’s all brilliant, in its simplicity and in its hip style melange. They are the whooping crane. This is the shout at midnight we all need. perennialtheband.bandcamp.com

The Sparkle and Fade — ‘Summer Nights’: Just a

single, but a rich, layered, exuberant yet sultry summer single. Four minutes of gently morphing pop styles and textures, driven by the husband and wife team of Lindsey Callahan (soaring vocals) and Jeff Callahan (precise guitar licks). thesparkleandfade.bandcamp.com

The Problem With Kids Today — ‘Live from the Empty Space’: This widely heralded New Haven punk trio’s “Junk” album has been out for seven months now, and the songs are so short, sharp and odd that you crave more the way you crave salt water taffy.

A 15-minute live set on YouTube opens with a new tune, “Validation,” then moves on to some of the band’s signature tunes like “The Chill One” (which may remind you vaguely of Velvet Underground’s “Murder Mystery”), “Ska Song,” the “Problem

With Kids Today” theme song and “Power Ballad.” TPWKT specialize in defiant, strident talky social statements, bursts of loud brattiness that are deeply endearing. youtube.com and thebandwithkids.today.bandcamp.com

Robot Monster — ‘Cargo Cult’: A young duo that ramps itself up studio-wise to sound like a hair or prog band of yore. Sweeping metalesque yearnings, punctuated with “oohs” and “ahs” and crashing drums and overactive bass lines. Makes you strangely nostalgic for something that doesn’t exist. The new EP includes three songs: the wind-blown “Cargo Cult,” “the punchier “Caged” and the riff-happy “Big Bad Now.” robotmonstermusic.com.

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HOLIDAY WEEKEND

State Police log over 6,400 calls

The Connecticut State Police received more than 6,400 calls for service and assisted 472 motorists over the July 4 weekend.

Troopers responded to 299 accidents, including two with fatalities and 37 with injuries, according to police.

State police said troopers arrested 50 people for operating a vehicle under the influence. In total, they issued 910 violations, including 644 speeding and 43 seatbelt citations.

Data was collected from midnight on Friday to 11:59 p.m. on Monday, state police said.

In comparison to previous years, the number of speeding tickets was the highest reported on a July 4 weekend since 2019, when police issued 652. Police issued 483 in 2021 and 279 in 2020. Seatbelt violations were also the highest they have been since 2019, when police handled 75 violations. The number of accidents was down from last year when there were 381 reported accidents and 52 with injuries.

— *Mike Mavredakis*

BRIDGE

BY STEVE BECKER

Due to a production error, the wrong Bridge columns were printed yesterday and on Monday. The corrected columns are below.

Monday 7/4

West dealer.
Both sides vulnerable.

NORTH

♠ Q 7 6
♥ 6 3
♦ 7 6
♣ A K Q 10 9 3

WEST EAST

♠ 8 4 ♠ A 10 9
♥ K Q 10 8 ♥ A 9 5 4 2
♦ Q 8 3 ♦ 10 9 5 4
♣ J 7 5 2 ♣ 4

SOUTH

♠ K J 5 3 2
♥ J 7
♦ A K J 2
♣ 8 6

The bidding:

West	North	East	South
Pass	Pass	Pass	1 ♠
Pass	2 ♣	2 ♥	2 ♣
Pass	4 ♣		

Opening lead — king of hearts.

Famous Hand

There’s no law against declarer intercepting the opponents’ signals. In fact, sometimes he might be able to make better use of them than the opponents themselves.

Take this case from the 1988 Grand National Team final between Chicago and Washington, D.C. The bidding shown occurred at the table where Washington’s Steve Robinson was South.

West led the heart king, and East tried to steer him to the winning defense by playing the deuce.

Had West shifted to a club at this point, East would win the ace of spades whenever a trump was led, lead a heart to West’s queen and get a club ruff to sink the contract.

But West erred by cashing the heart queen before shifting to a club. Declarer won the club with the ace, led a spade to the king and continued with the jack. East took the ace and returned the ace of hearts, hoping dummy would have to ruff with the queen.

But Robinson trumped in his hand, led a spade to the queen and returned to his hand with the ace of diamonds. He then led his remaining club.

East’s play to the first trick had not been lost on Robinson, who finessed dummy’s ten to make the contract! Had he not finessed, he would have eventually lost a diamond to West’s queen and gone down one.

At the second table, the Washington East found a better way to steer West in the right direction. Instead of playing the heart deuce on the king at trick one, he overtook the king with the ace and shifted to his singleton club.

The Chicago declarer saw what was going to happen if he played a trump immediately, so he made a valiant try to save the contract by leading a diamond to the jack. Had the finesse worked, he would have discarded dummy’s heart on a high diamond. But when West turned up with the queen, declarer quickly found himself down two, giving Washington a gain of 820 points on the deal.

Tuesday 7/5

East dealer.
Both sides vulnerable.

NORTH		EAST	
♠ K J 10 4 3		♠ A Q 9 8 7	
♥ 5 2		♥ A Q 6 3	
♦ 10 9 6		♦ A 3	
♣ Q J 7		♣ 6 2	
WEST		EAST	
♠ 6 2		♠ A Q 9 8 7	
♥ K J 10 9 8 4		♥ A Q 6 3	
♦ 5		♦ A 3	
♣ K 10 9 4		♣ 6 2	
SOUTH		NORTH	
♠ 5		♠ K J 10 4 3	
♥ 7		♥ A Q 6 3	
♦ K Q J 8 7 4 2		♦ A 3	
♣ A 8 5 3		♣ 6 2	

The bidding:

East	South	West	North
1 ♠	2 ♦	2 ♥	3 ♦
4 ♥	5 ♦	Pass	Pass
Dble			

Opening lead — six of spades.

Cutting a vital link

There is something peculiar about the concept that a player can gain points by losing points, but that is precisely the operative principle underlying the practice of sacrificing in contract bridge. Simply stated, the principle says that it is winning tactics to purposely go down in a contract if the opponents are virtually certain to get a better score by making a contract of their own.

Take this case where South bids five diamonds over East’s four-heart bid. South realizes he has almost no chance of making five diamonds, but he also realizes that East-West are very likely to make four hearts for a score of 620 points. Therefore, if he goes down only one or two tricks at five diamonds doubled — losing 200 or 500 points — the sacrifice will be worthwhile.

But as the cards are actually divided, South is in danger of going down three tricks — 800 points — at five diamonds doubled. West leads a spade, whereupon East wins with the queen and returns the six of clubs. Declarer finesesses, losing to the king, and West returns a club to dummy’s jack.

If South now leads a trump, East can defeat the contract three tricks by riving with the ace, returning a low heart and ruffing West’s club return to score 800 points. But declarer can hold himself to a 500-point loss — and thus justify his sacrifice bid — by taking the necessary countermeasure to defuse the danger of a club ruff.

After the club jack is taken at trick three, South should play the king of spades from dummy and discard his singleton heart when East covers with the ace! There is then no way for West to gain the lead to give East a club ruff, and declarer’s only losers are two spades, a diamond and a club.

CONNECTICUT

Bestselling novelist shares her writing journey

In visit to Mark Twain House, Fiona Davis to talk about her housefuls of characters and latest novel

By Christopher Arnott
Hartford Courant

“The only way I can do a novel is taking it chunk by chunk,” says Fiona Davis.

In her case, it’s more like brick by brick. The bestselling novelist builds her stories by first finding a historic New York building that the characters can live or work in, then doing intense research on that building as the human story is still revealing itself.

“I pick a building,” Davis said in an interview with the Courant. “With every one so far, there’s always something that’s surprised me, like that there was an art school inside Grand Central Station.”

That revelation was the basis of “The Masterpiece,” in which Davis follows the paths of two passionate female artists in midtown New York City in the 1920s and the 1970s.

At the Mark Twain House and Museum this Thursday at 7 p.m., Davis will be talking about her writing journey and researching her latest novel, “The Magnolia Palace.”

“It’ll be the journey of the writ-

er’s process, the idea behind the book to the final product, plus some wonderful and shocking true facts that leave people stunned,” she says. “Historical fiction fans want to know the backstory, and that’s what I love too — the layers of history.”

“The Magnolia Palace” charts the experiences of two artists’ models whose lives take unexpected turns 50 years apart. The building which they both gravitate toward is an imposing mansion at 5th Avenue and 70th/71st streets. In 1919, one of the novel’s protagonists knows it as the residence of the recently deceased industrialist Henry Clay Frick. In 1966, the book’s other heroine Veronica knows the building as a museum, the Frick Collection.

The writer conjures up dream-like images of the Frick home. When Lillian gets a tour, she is overwhelmed:

But the view! A small square window looked out across Fifth Avenue, across Central Park, all the way over to the west side of the city. She recognized the ochre husk of the Dakota over on 72nd Street,

rising over the sea of green treetops. She imagined herself leaning on the windowsills and staring out as the clouds skidded by, like a princess at the top of a castle.

Lillian and Veronica do far more than just wander the corridors of the old mansion. They’re both affected by a murder that took place in the neighborhood, a long-lost piece of priceless jewelry and other mysteries begging to be solved.

The only novel where the building didn’t come first, she says, was “The Chelsea Girls,” which concerns a playwright and an actress who gets caught up in the blacklisting and Red Scare of the 1950s. “I’d met a woman, Virginia Robinson, who’d been an actress during that time, and she was so bitter and angry about what has happened then.” There’s still a legendary building involved, of course. The women are roommates at the Chelsea Hotel on 23rd Street in Manhattan, which was already a landmark in the 1950s due to the number of celebrities who’ve lived there over the years.”

Davis is a former theater performer herself. She was involved for over a decade with the Willow Cabin Theatre Company and appeared in a production of three Thornton Wilder one-acts that Willow Cabin sent to Broadway in 1993. She’s also appeared in several

IF YOU GO: Fiona Davis speaks Thursday at 7 p.m. at the Mark Twain House and Museum, 351 Farmington Avenue, Hartford. Tickets are \$35, \$30 for Mark Twain House members, and include a signed copy of “The Magnolia Palace.” Find more info at marktwainhouse.org.

productions of Edward Albee’s play “Three Tall Women” — “because I’m 5-foot-10,” she laughs.

The peak of her acting career, also included the soap opera “Another World.”

“I was not writing then,” Davis says. “I think I changed my career every 10 years.”

From 2005 to 2015 Davis was a freelance journalist. She published her first novel in 2016 and is currently at work on her sixth.

“I didn’t get the idea for my first book until I was in my 40s,” Davis recalls. “I was very lucky in how it got published. I had come to see a panel discussion by several agents. One of them struck me as being very smart, so when I wrote the book I sent it to her.”

It’s easy to recognize Fiona Davis novels by their covers. They all show a lone woman dressed in the style from the time the book is set standing in front of some amazing architecture. On most of the covers, the

woman is in depicted in full color while the building behind her is in black and white.

“So much historical fiction looks similar,” says Davis, who has a say in how her books are packaged and marketed. “I love the way the building is in it.”

All the buildings in her books still exist, she says, and she’s found that many of her readers come to New York to visit them because they’ve enjoyed the stories. The structures live on in the novelist’s own memory as well. “I try to mention the buildings I’ve written about in the books about other buildings,” she says.

“Right now I’m writing about Radio City Music Hall. I go there and walk around it. The floor plan is online.” Davis also plans to make multiple visits inside the legendary performance venue.

“When I’m looking at the building, I’m also thinking about which era of it was the most dynamic.”

Having lived on New York’s Upper East Side for the past 35 years, Davis often chooses the settings for her books from neighborhoods she’s strolled through a thousand times and always wondered about.

“I joke that by my 11th book I’ll be doing the gas station on the corner.”

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Artists of color find space, support to elevate their work in Hartford

By Deidre Montague
Hartford Courant

As founder of the Artists of Color Accelerate program, the Rev. Dr. Shelley D. Best thought her role was to provide learning opportunities for artists in the community.

Instead, she said at the program’s culmination, she got her own life-changing lesson.

“God had other plans for me as I was helping to provide opportunities of learning for the artists in our community and the fellows — wow, God is educating me too,” she said. “The door was opening to me in new ways. It was giving me confidence in new ways.

“It is because of the work of Artists of Color Unite through the Hartford Foundation and Artists of Color Accelerate that I got the courage to even apply to be the CEO of the Greater Hartford Arts Council.”

Courage was the common thread as the Artists of Color Accelerate fellows reflected on their journeys

as the first class of the pilot program at a recent event. During the celebration fellows showcased their projects — a variety of visual arts, music, writing and acting in partnership with art institutions in the Capital City, such as Wadsworth Atheneum Museum of Art, Hartford Opera Theater, Hartbeat Ensemble, Harriet Beecher Stowe Center and others.

During the roundtable discussion held by fellow Britana “Versatile” Tatum some of the fellows talked about their experiences with the program, both the highlights and some of the obstacles they overcame to complete their projects.

Fellow and new program manager for the Accelerate program Andre Rochester said the biggest highlight of the program for him was affirming his dream of becoming a full-time artist.

“I made the decision to quit my job when I was in the middle of this fellowship,” he said. “So a lot of things happened outside of

here, but the biggest highlight ... it’s life-changing and it is a huge transition.”

Other fellows said the program offered an opportunity to shift their mindset and take themselves seriously as artists.

“That constant reminder of Cin Martinez, [the] playwright — actually Cin Martinez, playwright, that constant reminder of ‘this is what I’m doing. This is what I’m dedicating my time to, my efforts to,’” Martinez said. “Oftentimes, we wait for other people to tell you something wonderful when you’re on this journey, but this program [I] really just had to do that inner work and [give myself] that reminder of ‘I need to take myself serious.’”

The program was limited somewhat by the coronavirus pandemic, and feeling their way through as the program’s first class also presented challenges, Rochester said.

“We are [the] pilot. We’re the experiment,” he said. “As the guinea pig in this situation, we have to



AOC program manager and fellow Andre Rochester talks about his art Thursday in Hartford. **DEIDRE MONTAGUE/HARTFORD COURANT**

focus on learning ... We don’t know everything ... trying to understand, as a participant, what it takes to do this course, it was hard.”

Fellow Patrick “Rico” Williams said that the obstacle he had to overcome is building the approach, especially during COVID-19.

“We all learned throughout the process because again, I’m sure the way [the program] materialized isn’t the way that people [thought it would be], but that’s how it works,”

Williams said. “What I love is when it felt like things weren’t going the way we wanted it to, we were able to shift and adjust. Everybody was leading in that way, including the funders, so we were able to push.

“We’re all working together and challenging each other. Everyone had to exercise some grace.

“The difficult part is, again, you’re doing something new. We’re going to have to traverse those waters together.”

Lazor

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since Connecticut elected a Republican to Congress and over 30 years since one was elected to the U.S. Senate. But there is also significant pressure on Larson, 73, this year as he faces challenges from both within and outside of his party.

Muad Hrezi, a young progressive Democrat from East Hartford who failed to secure enough signatures within the required time frame to force a primary, lost an effort in court to be placed on the ballot for a primary election but said he plans to appeal.

Hrezi, a former staffer for U.S. Sen. Chris Murphy who works as a teacher and track coach, raised nearly \$500,000 as of the last filing in April.

“Larson has not had a primary challenge in 20 years,” said Lazor. “He hasn’t really had any major challenge since he’s been elected.

“So whether Hrezi is successful or not, he’s already given Larson more of a challenge than he’s ever had. But he could also run as a third-party candidate, which would really throw a wrench in the election.”

But while Lazor may seem like just another GOP challenger to a longtime incumbent, the 60-year-old practicing physician said he wants people to know he’s different.

“Right now being different is what the voters want,” said Lazor. “They’re tired of the same old political talking heads. They’re tired of the same promises.”

According to the Secretary of State’s office, there are more than 1 million unaffiliated voters in the state. That number is higher than both Democrats at 905,268 registered voters and Republicans at 497,981 registered voters.

Roots

Lazor and his wife have lived in the Hartford area for more than 50 years and are parents of three children. Since 1990 he has been a physician at Hartford Hospital. Lazor believes his experience in health care can give him a unique perspective in segueing to a career in the U.S. House of Representatives.

“For the past 30 years I sit with, on average, 25 patients every day and listen to their concerns and ask them how they are doing,” said Lazor. “So who is better at listening to residents in the district than a physician?”

“I speak with all sorts of people from all walks of life. I treat both the richest and the poorest patients on an everyday basis. I don’t make a distinction in how I treat any of my patients. The same would apply to the constituents I serve.”

One of those patients is Dimaisha Jurado, who had to be intubated due to COVID-19 while pregnant with her now 1-year-old child at Hartford Hospital in 2021. Jurado, who developed a collapsed lung due to the virus, turned over most of the decision-making to Lazor.

“He’s my personal hero,” said Jurado. “There’s a lot I don’t remember from that time period because of the position I was in. But I know if it wasn’t for his quick thinking, my baby or myself might not be here today.

“I can’t tell people enough how much this man cares about his patients.”

Jurado credits Lazor’s skills and decision-making in successfully delivering her son last May.

“He was born at just 28 weeks, but he’s a healthy baby boy now,” said Jurado. “I am so thankful for having [Lazor] as my doctor.”

Lazor said stories like Jurado’s emphasize why he is running for Congress.

“It’s about helping people,” said Lazor. “It’s about making a difference.”

Lazor describes himself as a moderate Republican who is for abortion rights, supports gun control measures such as universal background checks and believes the 2020 election result was legitimate.

Gun control

“I support legal gun ownership,” said Lazor. “I have neighbors who have guns for hunting, self-defense and target practice. I’m fine with all that, but our country has a problem with gun violence.”

Biden recently signed into law the first major gun safety legislation passed by Congress in nearly 30 years, following mass shootings at a Texas elementary school that

killed 19 children and two adults, and another at a Buffalo, New York, supermarket that killed 10.

The legislation includes incentives for states to pass so-called “red flag” laws that allow groups to petition courts to remove weapons from people deemed a threat to themselves or others.

“I do believe that the red flag laws in place around the country are helping curb violence by taking guns out of the hands of people who should not own them, including those who are mentally unqualified to use a firearm” Lazor said. “I also support sensible gun control measures like background checks. These are common-sense measures. I look at gun safety over gun control.”

Additionally, the bill would expand background checks for prospective gun buyers between the ages of 18 and 21. The new process would incentivize states to provide access to previously sealed juvenile records and could add several days to the waiting period before a purchase can be completed.

“When you look at the majority of mass shootings in recent years, they tend to be young men,” Lazor said. “So that age group in particular is one that we want to emphasize weapons safety and really ensure that young people are buying guns for the right reasons.”

Lazor this month voted in favor of the Federal Extreme Risk Protection Order Act, saying it “is common-sense legislation that will remove firearms from dangerous situations.”

Abortion

Lazor also breaks with many Republicans on abortion rights. He believes in the right of a woman to choose up to viability, or generally 24 weeks. On Twitter, Lazor has promised if elected to “protect these rights the right way, through legislation.”

“I’ve been a physician caring for families and women for over 30 years, and you see many situations that are very harsh,” said Lazor. “I’ve seen very young women get pregnant from being brutally assaulted and raped. I think those women should have a right to choose what they want to do with their own bodies.”

In May Gov. Ned Lamont signed Public Act 22-19, a first-in-the-nation law that protects medical providers and patients seeking abortion care in Connecticut who may be traveling from other states that have outlawed abortion.

“The Republican Party needs to get away from this issue if it wants to be relevant in New England,” Lazor said. “This is an issue that is not a winner for the Republican Party in the long term. We need women in our base, and the majority of women are pro-choice.”

Lazor termed the court’s overturning of Roe v. Wade “shameful.” He has said he is proud Connecticut has “taken action to protect the right to safe and legal abortion,” but the Senate must act so “the Women’s Health Protection Act must become law now.”

The economy

Lazor calls himself a fiscal Republican and believes that the biggest issue on the minds of voters is the current state of the economy. He says the Build Back Better legislative framework proposed by Biden and supported by Larson as a prime example of government overspending.

“If we don’t have a good environment for small businesses, we don’t have much room for anything else,” Lazor said. “Connecticut has been a high-cost, high-tax state for too long. On the federal level, the overspending is out of control, which is causing massive inflation.”

Biden’s watered-down \$2 trillion Build Back Better plan, which would have provided universal pre-K, expanded health care access and created tax incentives for green energy, did not pass the Senate last December.

“Build Back Better is a perfect example — that plan was hugely expensive and hugely government controlled,” Lazor said. “That kind of overspending is directly contributing to the high inflation we’re seeing.

“Build Back Better luckily didn’t pass through Congress, but imagine if it did? Imagine the inflation that kind of spending would cause. We need to reign in the spending.”

Larson

When he launched his bid in

January for a 13th term, Larson said, “I’m proud of what we’ve been able to do just in this year, whether it’s putting vaccinations in people’s arms, putting money back in their wallets, putting kids back in their school seats or putting people back to work, that’s what will continue to be our focus.”

The Larson campaign disputes Lazor’s portrayal of the economic package.

“Democrats put forward the most consequential investment in the middle class since the New Deal, including historic tax cuts for working Americans and families,” Larson said in a statement. “I was proud to vote to advance tax provisions that invest in the American people, address wealth inequality, support clean-energy investments that will help combat climate change and create well-paying jobs.”

One of the main focuses of Larson’s campaign has been Social Security funding past the year 2034, when the trust fund is set to run out. Without a bill ensuring more funding, Social Security benefits will need to be cut an estimated 24% after that year.

Larson’s Social Security plan guaranteeing funding through 2038 was introduced last year and has nearly 200 co-sponsors across both houses of Congress.

To pay for those changes, the legislation calls for increasing Social Security taxes paid by higher-wage earners.

In 2021 those taxes are capped at \$142,800 in wages, and in 2022 that will rise to \$147,000. The proposal also reapplies taxes on wages at \$400,000 and up.

“The pandemic has only underscored what we already knew and has exacerbated systemic inequities — current benefits are not enough,” Larson said.

“Five million seniors are living in poverty due to long-standing discrimination in the labor force that affects mostly people of color and women. These are our sisters, brothers, aunts, uncles and neighbors.

“For too long Congress has forsaken its duty to enhance benefits. With 10,000 baby boomers a day becoming eligible, and with millennials needing Social Security more than any generation, the time for Congress to act is now.”



Three of the few remaining Moroccan Jews meet to sing old songs and share memories Feb. 25 in Tangier, Morocco. SEIF KOUSMATE/THE NEW YORK TIMES PHOTOS

Fragments of history

Women leave behind rich trove of Judeo-Moroccan Sephantic culture

By Aida Alami
The New York Times

They sang to put their babies to sleep or in the kitchen preparing Purim cakes. They sang in courtyards at night when the men were at synagogue for evening prayer, songs of love, loss, religion and war.

Today, most of those women, members of Morocco's dwindling Jewish population, are gone. But they have left behind a rich historical trove of northern Judeo-Moroccan Sephardic culture, passed on from one generation to the next through oral history, that scholars of Judaism are striving to preserve.

These fragments of history tell powerful stories from times long past, before the Moroccan-Jewish population that once exceeded 250,000 dwindled to the few hundred remaining, after several waves of emigration.

The women were for centuries confined to Jewish quarters, captivated by a world very distant from theirs, singing ballads. They latched on to music to preserve their identities and traditions.

The songs, known as "romances," are a heritage of the Reconquista, or Reconquest, when Christians in medieval Spain waged a centurieslong battle against Muslim occupation. As the Reconquista was nearing its end in 1492, Jews who refused to convert to Christianity were expelled. Many of them ended up in Morocco, bringing their Spanish heritage with them.

The songs reflect this history, with many taunting the Spanish rulers and

priests who drove them out. Even though northern Moroccan Jews spoke a hybrid language of Hebrew, Spanish and Arabic, the songs are in Spanish.

But they are not just political statements. They are ballads and lullabies with lyrics that do not just speak of history but are deeply intertwined with personal memories and cultural traditions.

Oro Anahory-Librowicz, a Moroccan-born expert in Judeo-Spanish music who donated 400 recordings to Israel's National Library, said that the songs weren't originally Sephardic but were learned from Spaniards and retained in the culture even as they disappeared in mainland Spain.

"It's a way of preserving something," she said from Montreal, where she moved in 1973. "Natural transmission isn't possible in a community that is dispersed all over the world. It has become a sign of identity. Women recognized themselves in this Hispanic heritage, and it allowed them to retain a dimension of their Judeo-Hispanic identity."

One Friday in February, in the hours before sunset and Shabbat, three friends got together at the apartment of a pillar in the community, Sonia Cohen Toledano, which overlooks the bay of Tangier in the northern tip of the country.

In animated conversation, they interrupted one another frequently, often finishing the others' sentences. Sifting through a pile of black-and-white photographs, they remembered happy times and talked about the shrinking of their community and their urgent need to make



Valerie Bengio looks at old photographs of her mother, Alegr'a Busbib Bengio, who spent the last years of her life handwriting family genealogies and making dresses in Casablanca.

the past part of the present and also of the future.

The three women are among the fewer than 30 Moroccan Jews now living in Tangier.

And during many of their gatherings, they end up singing romances.

That day, music rose in the air, smiling while they sang. The sometimes joyous and other times deeply romantic words in Spanish filled the spacious living room, as the women sipped Moroccan mint tea, in a moment that felt like traveling back centuries.

"We heard them at weddings all the time," said Julia Bengio, 83. "My mother sang in front of me, but I never thought about telling her, 'Come here, let me write the lyrics down.'" But she did find recordings

of her mother singing and has transcribed the lyrics so they won't be lost.

"We were never explained what it was, but later in life we looked into it, and I want to preserve them," she added. "Simply not to forget."

Cohen Toledano, dedicated to keeping connections with the past, is a treasure trove of everything related to northern Morocco's Spanish Judeo culture.

"Before we had aunts, cousins, family here," said Cohen Toledano, 85, who is the only one of 16 children in her family who stayed in Morocco. "Slowly, everyone left. We are so few that we are close. We see each other all the time. It's hard, but we get used to it."

Her home is a mini-museum of Spanish-Judeo

culture, a mix of embroideries, artwork, photos and ancient dresses, some over 150 years old — pretty much anything she could get from departing Jews or that she could dig up in flea markets. "Every time someone died, they left me something," she said.

Vanessa Paloma Elbaz, an American scholar of Judeo-Spanish music at Britain's Cambridge University, has spent the past 15 years archiving the voices of aging Jews in Morocco. To date she has inventoried over 2,000 entries; a pilot of the archive is available online. Paloma Elbaz has family roots that date back five generations in Morocco.

When she was a child living in Puerto Rico, she learned her first romance

while singing in a children's choir. That stirred her interest in Judeo-Moroccan history, and while she no longer lives in Morocco, she still visits regularly and records as much as she can.

Cohen Toledano's daughter, Yaëlle Azagury, 51, now lives in Stamford, Connecticut, but her connection with Morocco remains strong. Music is the bridge that connects her to her childhood in Tangier. She said she used to sing lullabies to her children that she remembered from her mother.

"It's a lovely heritage," she said. "The songs need to be heard. These ballads are often deeply moving and part of the world's heritage. I feel like I am the last chain of a history that ends with me."

EX-ETIQUETTE

How to honor dad, bonus dad in wedding without any hurt feelings

By Jann Blackstone
Tribune News Service

Q: My father and mother broke up when I when I was 10, and a few years later my mom married my bonus dad. He is truly a bonus to my life and has been there for me through everything, just as my father has. I'm getting married next month and I'm struggling with the same problem so many face. Who walks me down the aisle? I would

like to honor them both and I don't want to hurt anyone's feelings. What's good ex-etiquette?

A: If you are struggling with this dilemma, that means both your dad and bonus dad treated you with love and kindness. If they hadn't, the answer would be obvious, and you wouldn't be asking the question. So, from that standpoint, kudos to dad and bonus dad for putting you first. However, it does

present a problem if you want to honor both men but don't want to step on toes.

The beauty of getting married today is you can design a wedding exactly as you like. There are no set rules for anything. My oldest daughter chose to have her bonus dad walk her halfway down the aisle to where her father sat waiting. He then stood and walked her the rest of the way, eventually answering

the age-old question, "Who gives this woman?"

We've all seen the videos on Facebook and YouTube of dads and bonus dads walking a daughter down the aisle together. They are lovely, but that may not be the answer for everyone. If you can do that, it's the simple answer, but if you are concerned about hurting feelings, consider some of the suggestions above. Here are a few other ways you might honor both men.

For example, dad walks you down the aisle, but you reserve a special dance at the reception for your bonus dad. Or, one of the most touching solutions I have seen is the bride gave a speech at the reception, asking her bonus dad to stand, and then openly told him how grateful she was for his love and support over the years.

Sometime the truth is the simplest answer. That's good ex-etiquette.



The beauty of getting married today is you can design a wedding exactly as you like. DREAMSTIME

CELEBRITIES

Lohan marries financier Shammas

From news services

Actor Lindsay Lohan celebrated her 36th birthday on Saturday as a married woman.

The “Freaky Friday” star said she was the “luckiest woman in the world” in an Instagram post Friday that pictured her with financier Bader Shammas, who had been her fiance.

“I am stunned that you are my husband,” Lohan said in the post, adding that “every woman should feel like this everyday.”

The couple announced their engagement in November. People magazine and Entertainment Tonight confirmed there had been a wedding, but no details were offered.

A few years ago, Lohan told ET that she was looking for “a smart businessman” and someone who doesn’t like the spotlight.

The actor and sometimes singer has worked through some sobriety issues in recent years, and recently filmed a romantic comedy that Netflix is set to release later this year.

Martin denies restraining order allegations: Puerto Rican superstar Ricky Martin on Sunday denied allegations that led to a restraining order against him, with police noting that he has not been charged with any crime.

Police said Saturday that a judge had issued the order against Martin. The order was filed under Puerto Rico’s domestic violence law and police spokesman Axel Valencia said he could not provide further details, including who requested the order.

Martin said in a tweet that the order is based on “completely false” allegations and that he will face the process “with the responsibility that characterizes me.” He said that since it was an open legal issue, he could not comment further.



Lindsay Lohan, above, and Bader Shammas announced their engagement in November. **ANDY KROPA/INVISION 2019**

El Vocero, a Puerto Rico newspaper, said the order states that Martin and the other person dated for seven months. The report quotes the order as saying they broke up two months ago, but the petitioner says Martin did not accept the separation and has been seen loitering near the petitioner’s house.

Barker issues pancreaticitis update: Travis Barker has updated fans on the medical emergency that landed him in the hospital last week. The Blink-182 drummer has since been released.

In an Instagram story Saturday, Barker, 46, said he was feeling “much better” after a “life threatening” bout with pancreatitis. “I went in for an endoscopy (June 27) feeling great. But after dinner, I developed excruciating pain,” he wrote. “... I had a very small polyp removed right in a very sensitive area, usually handled by specialists, which unfortunately damaged a critical pancreatic drainage tube.”

It was previously

reported that Barker’s pancreatitis was the result of a colonoscopy, not an endoscopy.

Director Brook dies: Peter Brook, a British theater and film director known for an influential and distinguished career that saw him garner worldwide acclaim, has died at age 97. French media reports said that Brook died in Paris on Saturday. The Tony winner directed the film adaptations of his best stage works as well as the 1963 movie “Lord of the Flies.” Brook was also the recipient of an Olivier Award, an Emmy and an International Emmy during his seven-decade career.

July 6 birthdays: Singer Gene Chandler is 85. Actor Burt Ward is 77. Actor Sylvester Stallone is 76. Actor Geoffrey Rush is 71. Actor Jennifer Saunders is 64. Journalist John Dickerson is 54. Journalist Josh Elliott is 51. Rapper 50 Cent is 47. Actors Tia and Tamera Mowry are 44. Comedian Kevin Hart is 43.



ASK AMY

By Amy Dickinson
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Family member may need nonbinary primer

Dear Amy: My daughter (22 years old) came out as nonbinary last year, and I fully supported them (we use them/their pronouns now). They’ve been a lot happier since coming out. They prefer to use their middle name (let’s say “Max”) instead of their first name (“Suzy”).

The problem now is that my religious sister is coming for a visit. I told my sister about “Max” a while back, and she obviously is not very happy about it (not my problem). In our online chats, she keeps referring to Max using their previous name, “Suzy.”

I don’t want her visit to be a disaster, nor do I want to listen to her quote from the Bible, etc.

Max hasn’t seen her for a long time. I haven’t told Max about their aunt’s refusal to call them “Max.”

How should I handle this?

— *Anxious Mom*

Dear Anxious: Nonbinary does not refer to sexuality, but to gender. I’m not aware that the Bible addresses this aspect of being human (but I assume readers will correct me).

If you accept that gender occurs along a continuum marked by two genders on either end of the spectrum — female/male — then it makes sense that a percentage of humans would identify as neither completely male nor completely female — but as “nonbinary.”

Again — this gender identification is separate from the issue of a person’s sexuality.

Let’s stipulate that even after you explain this, your sister might find it confus-

ing. But even the most confused or gender-denying person can understand it when someone changes their name.

Your sister would no doubt respect a name change if “Max” got married and took a spouse’s surname.

You should tell her: “Please refer to ‘Max’ as ‘Max.’ That’s their name.” If she forgets, remind her.

And yes, give Max a heads-up. Max can decide how little they wish to care about your sister’s views, and I suggest that you carry on, whistling past your sister’s nonsense until her visit ends. As you rightly point out, this is “not your problem.”

I recently watched an informative and compassionate TED talk primer on the topic of growing up nonbinary. I recommend that you send a link to your sister: “Walking through the world non-binary,” by Jesse Lueck, which is available on YouTube.

Dear Amy: I am a married woman, and I’m 60 years old. My husband and I have not had sex in over two years. My husband takes blood pressure medication, and this has been hard on our sex life.

Here is the thing: A former friend of mine has been communicating with me via Facebook.

He and I have been flirting with each other, but we live in different cities.

He has told me that he wishes I was not married because he would come to town and sweep me off my feet. We talk via FB Messenger a lot.

I think about having sex with him all the time, and he says the same thing.

Is that wrong? What am I to do?

— *Anxiously Awaiting*

Dear Awaiting: I’m sorry you are experiencing this challenge in your marriage. Is your constant communication with this other person and the sharing of fantasies wrong?

How would you feel if you were impaired or ill, and your husband did what you are doing?

Fantasy can be life-affirming. You should not deny yourself that! You might even be able to take some of this energy back to your marriage. But this relationship presents a fairly slippery slope for you and has started to interfere with your emotional connection with your husband. Be aware.

Dear Amy: “Childless not by Choice” was a young woman who had changed her mind about having children.

When I was 42, I started dating a 29-year-old man. I told him very early in our relationship that I didn’t want children. He decided that he was OK with it.

Several years later, he changed his mind and ended our relationship.

I remember thinking: “What was I thinking, asking a 29-year-old man to make that kind of decision?” I should’ve known better!

— *Childless by Choice*

Dear Childless: This is a very understanding response.

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Aries (March 21-April 19): The risk of being set apart might induce you to tone yourself down today. Others might criticize your self-expression, and it may be hard to feel the same way about them once you know how they view you. As long as you’re not hurting anyone, be yourself.

Taurus (April 20-May 20): Someone may not respect your boundaries today. They could decide that they know better than you and dismiss them. You might need to reiterate to them why you’ve set these boundaries. You don’t have to make this statement palatable — especially if they’ve done this before.

Gemini (May 21-June 20): Choosing sides might seem easier than staying neutral. Friends or your family members may not be speaking to each other over something petty. They could then try to get you to make a decision on where you stand. It’s okay to decline and stay out of it, and it’s probably wise.

Cancer (June 21-July 22): You may be rebelling against traditional values. You have likely chosen a different perspective than your family. It could be difficult to keep up appearances. However, now may be the time to tell the world your philosophies. Don’t be afraid to stand up for what you believe in.

Leo (July 23-Aug. 22): Personal healing could encounter setbacks right now. You may have been doing your best to unlearn a negative habit, but a pitfall has made it difficult to move forward. You haven’t undone all of the progress you’ve already made because of one stumbling block. Dust yourself off and try again.

Virgo (Aug. 23-Sept. 22): Right now, letting go can be a journey rather than just one action. Moving on from a relationship or a past experience can take time, and it’s okay to be patient and let things happen at their own pace rather than cutting it off all at once. Move at the pace that you’re meant to move.

Libra (Sept. 23-Oct. 22): Someone could try to change your mind today. While it’s good to have an open mind, there are some core morals that you feel deeply in your soul. Someone might go after one of your central beliefs. It could be frustrating to debate with them, so keep the peace by declining.

Scorpio (Oct. 23-Nov. 21): Keeping your thoughts to yourself can avoid having someone taking what you say and turning it against you. You may think you’ve presented a great idea, but it could be misconstrued or even stolen. Instead of relying on your words to make headway right now, put your ideas in motion.

Sagittarius (Nov. 22-Dec. 21): Drama may try to erupt throughout the day. Tensions could be high in your group. If people try to exaggerate or raise their voice, don’t meet them where they are. Instead of escalating things, try to smother the flames and come to a levelheaded decision, even if some don’t like compromise.

Capricorn (Dec. 22-Jan. 19): Your methods may be challenged at any moment. Someone could feel that they are the authority. You may be set in your ways and not want to do things their way. Try their way at least once. If you still feel your way is better, then you can honestly say that you gave them a fair shot.

Aquarius (Jan. 20-Feb. 18): Communication could stir up drama today. The words you choose might be taken the wrong way. The way others respond to you could be confusing as well. Ask them what they heard, and then decide if you want to correct what you said or stand by your statement.

Pisces (Feb. 19-March 20): Your comfort zone might be causing problems for you. You may have become too comfortable, which could cause you to slip back into negative habits. Someone specific may try to cajole you back into the habit you wanted to break. Think of your future and stay strong.

TODAY IN HISTORY

Associated Press

On July 6, 1885, French scientist Louis Pasteur tested an anti-rabies vaccine on 9-year-old Joseph Meister, who had been bitten by an infected dog; the boy did not develop rabies.

In 1933, the first All-Star baseball game was played at Chicago’s Comiskey Park.

In 1944, an estimated 168 people died in a fire that broke out during a performance in the main tent of the Ringling Bros. and Barnum & Bailey Circus in Hartford, Connecticut.

In 1957, Althea Gibson became the first Black

tennis player to win a Wimbledon singles title.

In 2020, the Trump administration formally notified the United Nations of its withdrawal from the World Health Organization; President Donald Trump had criticized the WHO’s response to the coronavirus pandemic. (The pullout was halted by President Joe Biden’s administration.)

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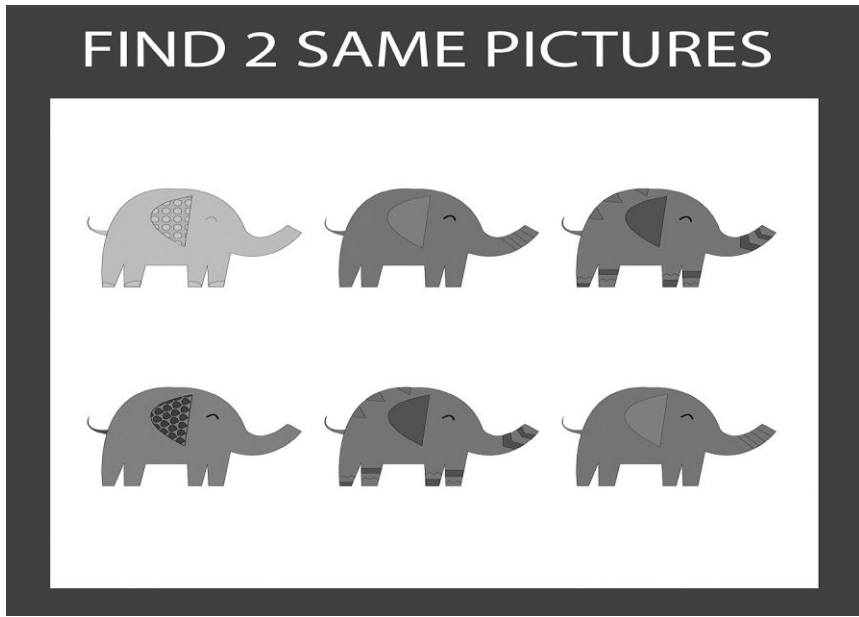
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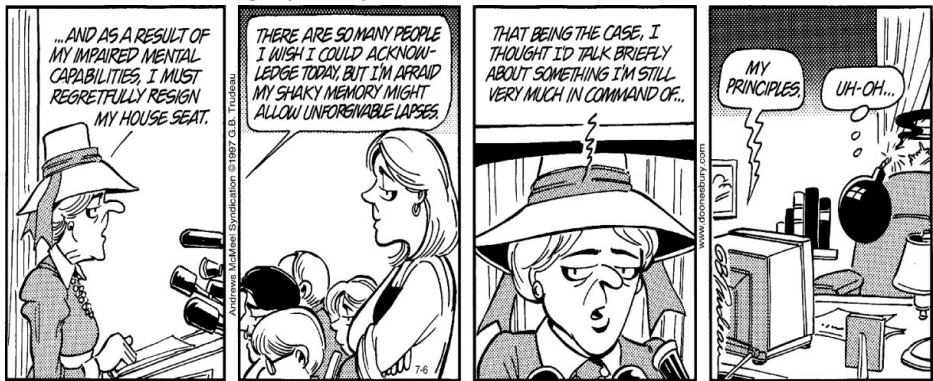
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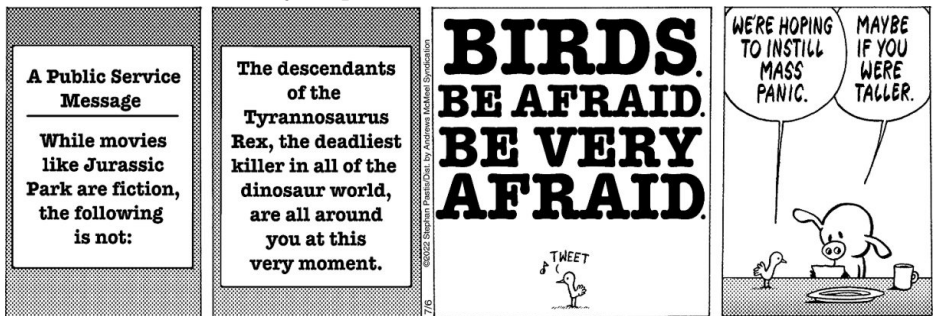
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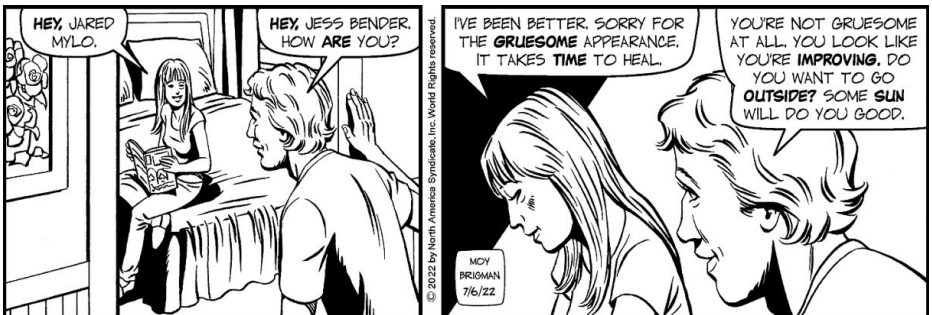
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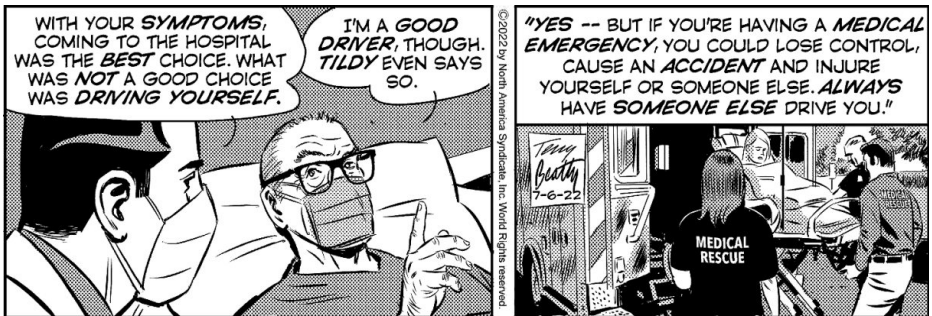
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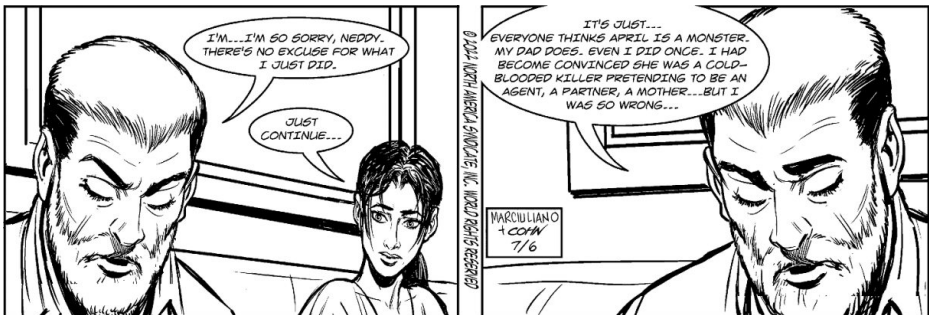
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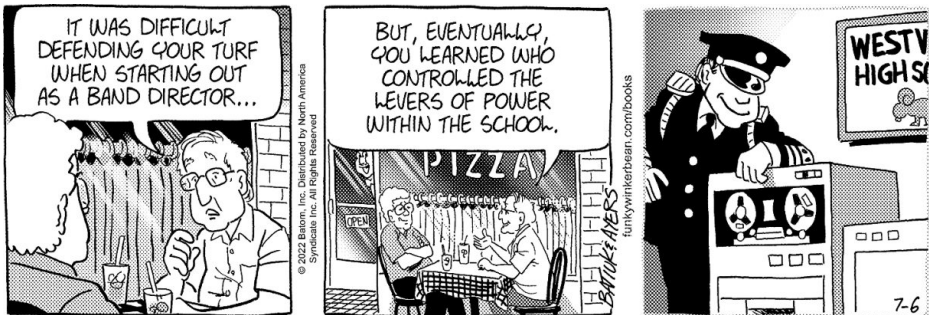
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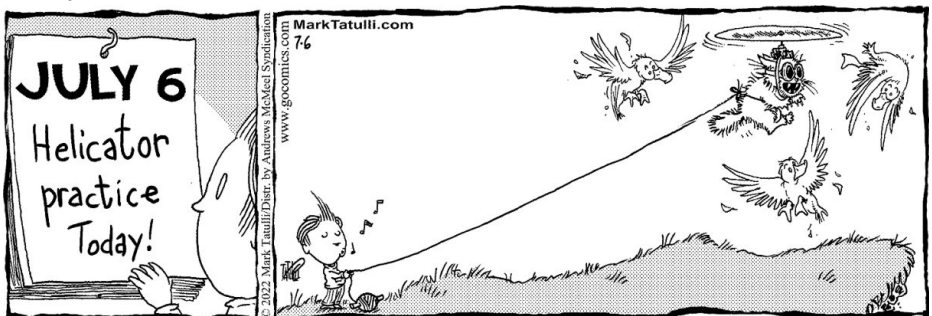
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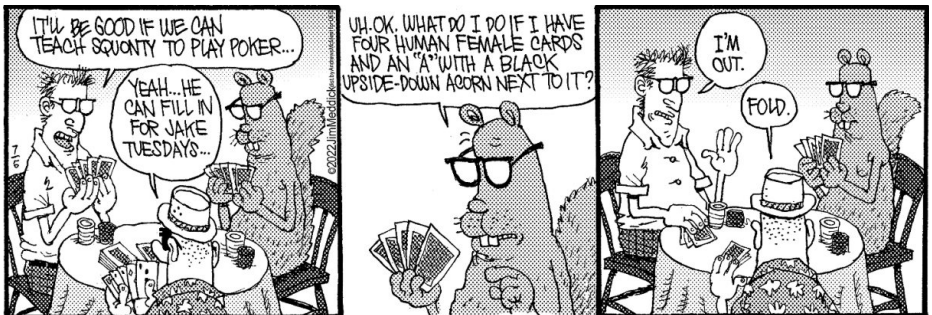
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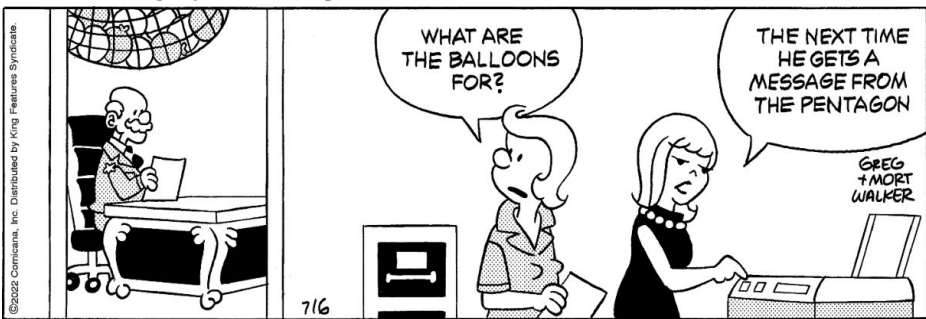
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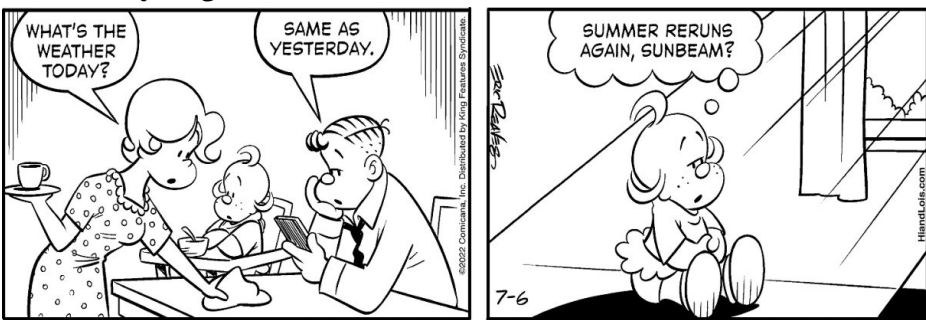
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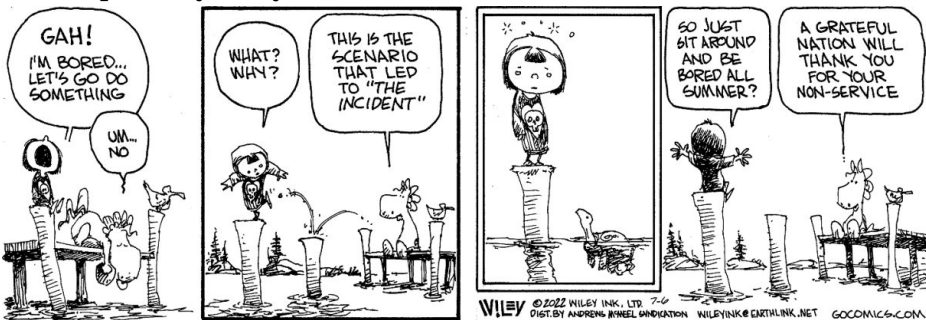
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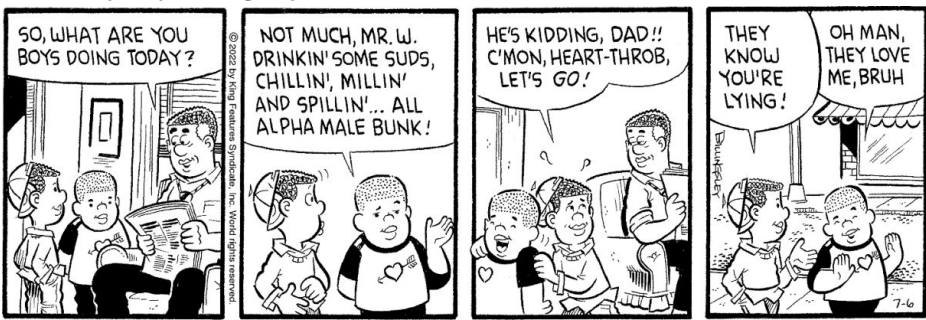
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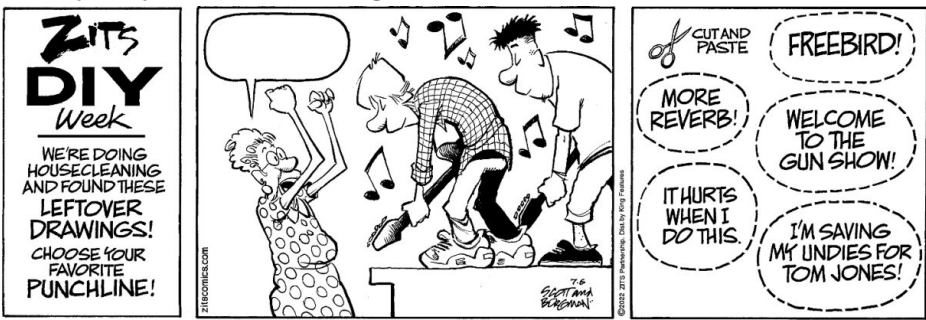
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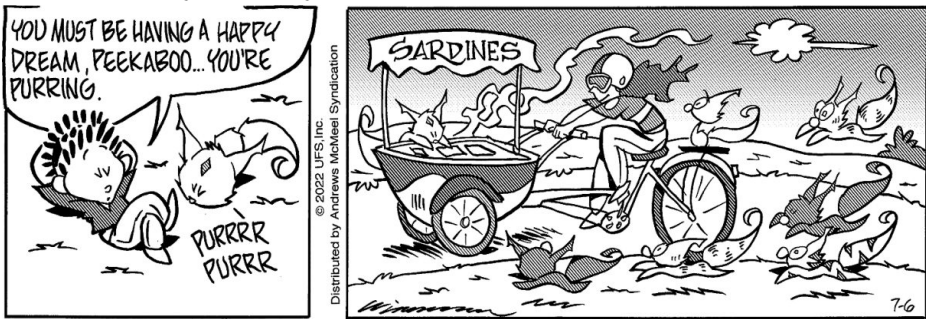
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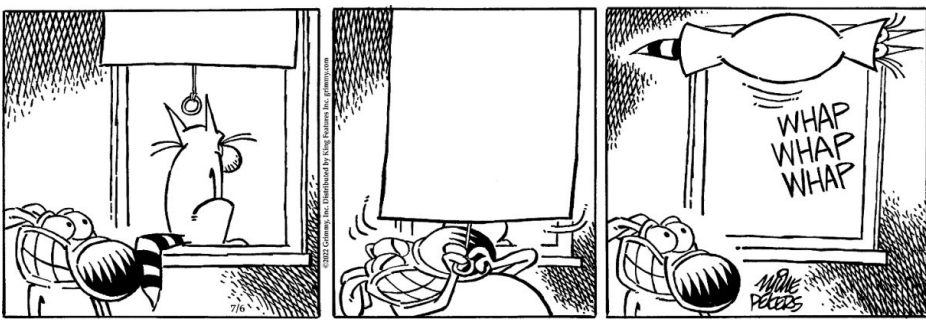
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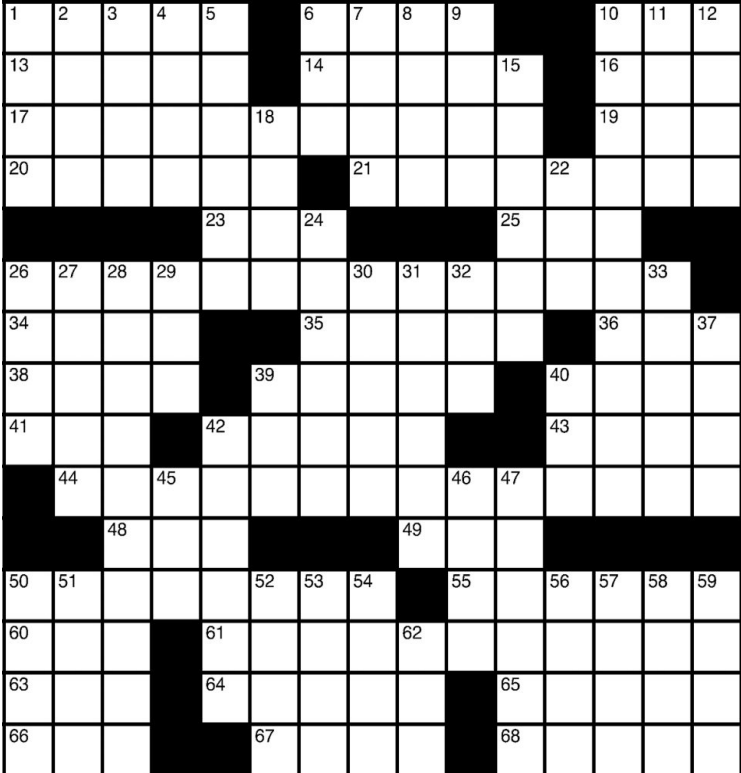
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- 1 Construction rod
6 1960s Israeli deputy prime minister
10 Shed tears
13 "Five Feet of Fury" pro wrestler Bliss
14 Alfa __: sports car
16 Jack Reacher creator __ Child
17 Catching fly balls, turning double plays, etc.?
19 Have lunch
20 Epic featuring the Trojan Horse
21 Yann Martel novel adapted into an Oscar-winning film
23 "Chandelier" singer
25 Tonsill-ectomy MD
26 Like an ace who throws a no-hitter?
34 Job safety org.
35 River craft
36 Trendy
38 Take in
39 Intro to economics?
40 Kunis of "Bad Moms"
41 Astronaut Jernison
42 Reason for a sleep mask, perhaps
43 __ 500
44 "Protect the plate," "Don't drop the ball," e.g.?
48 Hanukkah mo.
49 Extra
50 Enters non-chalantly
55 Rhine wine region

- 8 French possessive
9 Soft toy brand
10 Dimpled facial features
11 Collect in return
12 Mysterious Himalayan
15 "The Great Santini" Oscar nominee Michael
18 Falco of "Nurse Jackie"
22 United
24 Esoteric
26 66-Across, for one
27 "Moon Knight" star Oscar __
28 Worn through, as carpeting
29 Put up preserves
30 Indiana cager
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32 "Christopher Robin" joey
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54 Russian denial
56 Grain storage site
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58 PC keyboard key
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Down

- 1 Nickname for tennis's Nadal
2 "Night" writer Wiesel
3 "__ waiting long?"
4 Bridge toll unit
5 Salad slice
6 Make a mistake
7 Many a New Year's Day football game



By Kent Smith Tribune Content Agency 7/6/22

BRIDGE

BY STEVE BECKER

South dealer.
North-South vulnerable.

NORTH

- ♠ Q 5
♥ K Q J 3
♦ 7 3 2
♣ K 10 6 5

WEST

- ♠ 10 8 7 3 2
♥ A 9 8 4
♦ 6 4
♣ J 8

EAST

- ♠ K J 9 4
♥ 10 5
♦ K 9 8 5
♣ 9 4 3

SOUTH

- ♠ A 6
♥ 7 6 2
♦ A Q J 10
♣ A Q 7 2

The bidding:
South West North East
1 NT Pass 2 ♠ Pass
2 ♦ Pass 3 NT
Opening lead — three of spades.

A reward for good technique

Good technique consists of very little more than paying close attention to details. For example, take this deal where West leads a spade against three notrump. Declarer hopefully plays the queen from dummy, but East produces the king, taken by South with the ace.

With the opponents' spades established, it is certain that if South loses the lead before he can take nine tricks, he will go down. This leaves him no choice but to assume that he can score four diamond tricks and four club tricks in addition to his ace of spades. South is far from sure that he can actually take eight tricks in the minor suits, but he should make every effort to do so. He starts by cashing the ace of clubs and then the queen. The queen is played, rather than leading a low club to the king, to guard against a holding of J-x-x-x in the West hand. In that case West's jack would be finessable.

But when West produces the club jack on the queen, South must take advantage of his good fortune by overtaking the queen with dummy's king. (If he doesn't, he will go down.) He then takes a diamond finesse, which wins.

Declarer must again be careful to next lead the seven of clubs, not the deuce, to dummy's ten. After another diamond finesse, South leads the deuce of clubs to dummy's six for his third and final diamond finesse.

As a reward for his perspicacity, declarer winds up with precisely nine tricks.

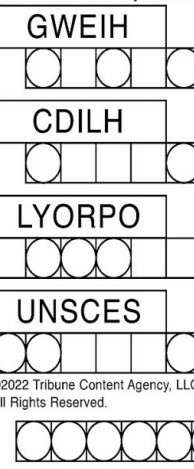
But if South fails to overtake the club queen with the king, or later neglects to lead the seven to the ten, he goes down one, scoring only three diamond tricks instead of the four he needs to make the contract.

Tomorrow: The philosophy of good defense.

JUMBLE

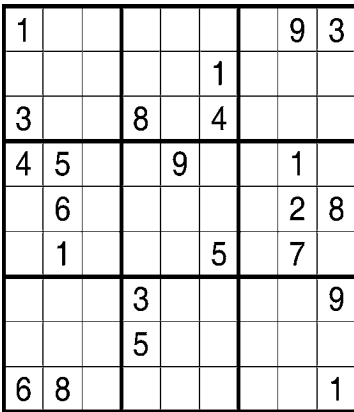
BY DAVID HOYT AND JEFF KNUREK

Unscramble these Jumbles, one letter to each square, to form four ordinary words.



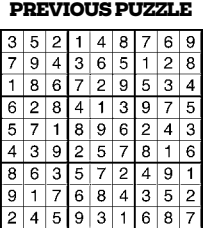
Yesterday's Jumbles: FLOOR ISSUE HAGGLE POETRY
Answer: She fell asleep on the couch, turning it into a — "SLEEP-HER" SOFA

TODAY'S SUDOKU



Complete the grid so each row, column and 3-by-3 box in bold borders) contains every digit, 1 to 9. For strategies on how to solve Sudoku, visit www.sudoku.org.uk

ANSWER TO PREVIOUS PUZZLE



ANSWER TO PREVIOUS CROSSWORD PUZZLE



American Girl doll jokes are all the rage

Memes suggest new storylines, providing sly social criticism for the popular toys

By Valeriya Safronova
The New York Times

Since 1986, American Girl dolls like Molly McIntire, recognizable by her braids and round glasses, and Josefina Montoya, dressed in a long red-and-blue skirt and moccasins, have transported children who played with them to Illinois during World War II or to what is now New Mexico during the early 19th century.

Books like “Samantha Helps a Friend” and “Felicity’s Surprise” have functioned as windows onto history for young readers who eagerly followed their favorite character’s adventures.

Now, a meme has sprung up on social media in which people cheekily suggest expanding the historical American Girl doll universe to include other historical dramas, many of them veering into the absurd.

They begin with the phrase “We need an American Girl doll who...” Some fill in the second part with major events covered by American textbooks, like the assassination of President John F. Kennedy. Others are more obscure: One meme imagines an American Girl doll who survived the dancing plague of 1518.

Other variations refer to archetypes from recent history, like an American Girl doll who “is a whistleblower” or one “who scammed millions from investors with the promise of a startup social club.”

A recent meme on the @hellicity_merriman Instagram account, which has become a destination of sorts for people seeking humorous American Girl



Dolls are displayed Feb. 7 at American Girl Place New York in Manhattan. GABBY JONES/THE NEW YORK TIMES

content, features an empty-eyed doll in a bonnet and a long blue skirt smiling with an old-timey ship sailing across the water behind her. The overlaid text says: “We need an american girl doll who was on the mayflower in 1620 but fell off.”

In another variation, a doll in a beret and Converse sneakers stands in front of a pile of detergent packages with the words, “we need an american girl doll who ate a tide pod and almost died.”

The “more ironic you can be, the more we’ve found the posts resonate,” said Barrett Adair, who runs the @hellicity_merriman account with a friend. The account was created

in February and is named after Felicity Merriman, an American Girl.

The early memes on the @hellicity_merriman account are more straightforward, combining images of American Girl dolls — symbols of childhood and innocence — with incongruent grown-up concepts like Brazilian butt lifts and OnlyFans, the website where some people sell nude or sexual images and videos of themselves.

A multipart series describes the different ways that American Girl dolls would consume cannabis. (Kit Kittredge, from the 1930s, would roll joints with Bible papers, and Kirsten Larson, who was a pioneer, would use

a pipe made out of a bull horn.)

More recently, the account’s administrators decided to experiment with historical memes. They were inspired when they reflected on some of the American Girl books they loved reading as children.

Jamie Cygielman, the general manager of American Girl, said that the dolls have fans of all ages and that the company isn’t surprised “when our fans, especially those who grew up with the brand, continue to engage and entertain each other in culturally relevant ways.”

Adair’s favorite doll, Samantha Parkington, has an adopted sister named Nellie O’Malley who spent

her childhood working in a factory and as a servant. “The stories are really bleak,” Adair said.

The @hellicity_merriman founders see their feed as “a bit of an escape.” And that escapism could be especially important for their audiences: millennials and Gen Zers who have publicly expressed dismay at the crises their generations have lived through in the past couple of years, including the coronavirus pandemic and the war in Ukraine. “It puts things in a bit of perspective,” Adair said.

Since beginning to post its takes on the meme, the @hellicity_merriman account has gained tens of thousands of new fans.

In the past few weeks, its follower count has grown from about 10,000 to 140,000 (as of June 30).

Adair sees something simultaneously ironic and empowering in it. Each image imagines the American Girl dolls surviving highly stressful, sometimes catastrophic events. Within the world of these memes, there is nothing the world won’t throw at an American Girl doll, and there is nothing she can’t do. She, a representation of the childhoods of countless girls, can succeed where others have failed.

“An American Girl doll will sign the executive order to cancel all student debt,” Adair said. “It’s come down to them now.”



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WNBA

Westbrook remains undeterred despite chaotic rookie year

By Lila Bromberg
Hartford Courant

Nearly half an hour after the conclusion of Sunday's WNBA game between the Connecticut Sun and Washington Mystics, the stands at Mohegan Sun Arena were empty, the loud cheers and music from the overtime thriller had faded and most players were back in the locker rooms getting ready to leave. But one group was gathered at center court, arms wrapped around each other in a giant hug. Evina Westbrook was surrounded by the UConn women's basketball team, reunited with former teammates

Paige Bueckers, Azzi Fudd, Dorka Juhász, Nika Mühl, Caroline Ducharme and Amari DeBerry, along with new freshmen Ayanna Patterson and Isuneh Brady. The prior week and a half had seen the former Husky guard waived by the Minnesota Lynx and signed to a seven-day contract with the Mystics, marking her third team this season after being drafted 21st overall by the Seattle Storm in April. Geno Auriemma used to tell Westbrook and those teammates that "90% of the game is mental." That sentiment has especially

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WNBA star Brittney Griner is escorted to a courtroom for a hearing in Khimki, just outside Moscow, on Friday. Griner went on trial Friday, 4 1/2 months after her arrest on charges of possessing cannabis oil while returning to play for a Russian team. **ALEXANDER ZEMLIANICHENKO/AP**

UConn Women's Basketball

Bueckers speaks out on Griner's detainment

By Lila Bromberg
Hartford Courant

UConn star Paige Bueckers used an appearance on NBA Today Tuesday to shed light on Brittney Griner's detainment in Russia. Before ending an interview with Malika Andrews, Bueckers asked if she could add something. She went on to make a plea to get the Phoenix Mercury star back home. "Just a message to President Biden, the government and anybody with high enough power to help get Brittney Griner back home. I believe it's way far due for her to come home," Bueckers said. "She's an American, she's a hero, she's our sister in the WNBA and she's just family to the whole United States. So just whatever it takes to get her home,

I think it's definitely time." Griner has been imprisoned since Feb. 17, right before the Russian invasion of Ukraine. She is accused of bringing vape cartridges containing hashish oil into the country, where she plays in the WNBA offseason to subsidize her income. The U.S. government classified Griner as wrongfully detained on May 3. Griner, currently on trial for charges that could result in 10 years in prison, wrote a letter to Biden earlier this week pleading for him to get her home. Prominent figures across the WNBA, NBA and sports world have been pushing for the same for several months. Bueckers has often used her platform to speak out about current issues. After being named

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MLB



The Yankees' Matt Carpenter looks on in the sixth inning against the Cubs on June 12 in New York. **MARY ALTAFFER/AP**

UConn Football

Program's revolution in full effect with slew of 2023 commitments

By Joe Arruda
Hartford Courant

For the last three weeks, social media has been buzzing with Class of 2023 UConn football commitments. The social media posts, including a blue and white profile picture and a short video emblazoned with some form of the phrase "Husky Revolution," feature high school highlights and edits from official visits where the recruits tried on the blue and white UConn uniforms. Around the 30-second mark, NFL commissioner Roger Goodell's voice cuts through the music in soundbites from the NFL draft as the players pose in hats of various NFL teams — highlighting one of newly hired head coach Jim Mora's goals. Not only has Mora been working to rebuild or, to use his word, "revolutionize" the UConn program, but he also wants to send players to the next level — a level that he coached at from 1985 to 2009.

The task is monumental. UConn hasn't had a winning season since 2010 when it lost in the Fiesta Bowl. The Huskies have had just four players drafted since 2016, but Mora is already getting quality players to believe in his project months into the job. One of which, Ricky Lee III from Cedar Grove High School in Ellenwood, Georgia, chose UConn despite holding offers from Power Five schools like Louisville, Nebraska, Houston, Duke and Colorado, among others. In his announcement on Saturday, Lee said, "The whole coaching staff is new and they bring a lot of energy to it. When I got there, they treated me like I was already there — so that's why I picked UConn." Lee is listed as a three-star athlete, though he has primarily played high school football in the defensive secondary. "It's really exciting because (Mora and the coaching staff has) only been there for like half an offseason so far and they've already made so many new changes to the team with transfers and all that," said Jackson Harper, a three-star receiver from Avon Old Farms School. "I got some friends on the team right now, and they all say the whole culture and energy is just completely different than it used to be."

After receiving more than 20 Division I offers, Harper's Twitter announcement on June 23 was simple. It read, "I'm staying home ...". That same day, two-star quarterback Tucker McDonald from Wachusett Regional High School in Holden, Massachusetts shared his video. The pair already has chemistry built from playing together in seven-on-seven drills at football camps throughout the past year. Cleto Chol and Toriyan Johnson, a pair of two-star linemen from Proctor Academy in New Hampshire, joined defensive end Brandon Kelley from Owen J. Roberts High School in Pottstown, Penn-

Experience wanted

Yankees give Carpenter a look in outfield to get veteran more at-bats

By Kristie Ackert
New York Daily News

PITTSBURGH — Could Matt Carpenter be even more valuable to the Yankees? Sunday gave a brief glimpse of how the 36-year-old veteran infielder could see some more at-bats. Committed to keeping slugger Aaron Judge off his feet and giving him two days to rest his legs, Aaron Boone "ripped off the band-aid" and gave Carpenter a try in the outfield. "I just didn't want to put [Judge] in the field if I didn't have to [Sunday] and I was like, 'Let's roll with it with Carp,'" Boone said. "It was good to get him out there." It had been eight years since Carpenter, who made his name with the Cardinals at third, had played in the outfield. But he eased right back into it with the only play to him in the final inning of a 2-0 loss to the Guardians. This isn't a sign that Carpenter is going to be replacing struggling outfielders Joey Gallo or Aaron Hicks anytime soon. It's another option to get the lefty-hitting Carpenter some pinch hit at-bats. That is exactly the situation that Boone took advantage of Sunday, using him to pinch hit for Marwin Gonzalez.

In the top of the eighth, Boone tapped Carpenter trying to spark an offense that was being shut out by Cleveland. The Yankees skipper also wanted to save Judge's big bat for an opportunity in the ninth. So, Carpenter took over for Gonzalez in right field. It was the first time he played the outfield since playing 1.2 innings in the outfield for the Cardinals in 2014. Franmil Reyes grounded a single to score a run through the right side of the infield. Carpenter smoothly fielded it and threw it in. It's not like it's that new of a concept for Carpenter, who has played 118 big league games in the outfield. But it is a chance to get him more at-bats. Carpenter is slashing .286/.412/.881 with a 1.293 OPS since his late May pick-up. He's hit eight home runs, a double and driven in 17 runs in 20 games with the Bombers. It's quite the dramatic turnaround from 2021, when he hit .169/.305/.275 with three home runs and 21 RBI in 130 games in his final season with St. Louis, where he was a three-time All-Star. Carpenter spent the winter reworking a swing that he knew was out of sync for the last few years. He signed a minor-league deal with the Rangers looking for another chance and spent the first month in Triple-A.

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The Red Sox's Trevor Story reacts after striking out as Athletics catcher Christian Bethancourt prepares to throw the ball during the fifth inning June 16 at Fenway Park in Boston. **MARY SCHWALM/AP**

Red Sox need more consistency from Story

By Jason Mastrodonato
Boston Herald

BOSTON — When Trevor Story signed his \$140 million deal this spring, the Red Sox talked a lot about his ability to hit the ball over the short right-field fence at Fenway Park. Despite Story's lopsided home/road splits throughout his career, leaving the hitter-friendly Coors Field wouldn't be a problem, they said. Three months into his first season in Boston, Story is still figuring out how to hit here.

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Monday, Story went out and got a 92-mph changeup on the lower-outside part of the zone and hammered it over the fence in the center field triangle for the decisive home run in the Sox' 4-0 win over the Rays. It was just his second homer to the opposite field all year. Most of the 13 homers he's hit, particularly the ones he's hit at Fenway, have been on hanging breaking balls that he pummels over the left field wall. But if the Sox are going to start

SPORTS

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Red Sox: Rays, Wednesday, 7 p.m.; Yankees, Thursday, 7 p.m.; Yankees, Friday, 7 p.m.
Yankees: at Pirates, Wednesday, 7 p.m.; at Red Sox, Thursday, 7 p.m.; at Red Sox, Friday, 7 p.m.
Mets: at Reds, Wednesday, 6:30 p.m.; Marlins, Thursday, 7 p.m.; Marlins, Friday, 7 p.m.
Yard Goats: at New Hampshire, Wednesday, 7 p.m.; at New Hampshire, Thursday, 7 p.m.; at New Hampshire, Friday, 7 p.m.
Sun: at Indiana, July 13, noon; at Dream, July 15, 7:30 p.m.; Aces, July 17, 1 p.m.
Hartford Athletic: at Detroit City, Wednesday, 7:30 p.m.; Tampa Bay, Saturday, 7 p.m.; at Charleston, July 16, 7:30 p.m.

TV/RADIO

BASEBALL
2 p.m.: Regional Coverage. (Live) MLB
3:30 p.m.: Toronto Blue Jays at Oakland Athletics. (Live) SPRTNET
5 p.m.: Toronto Blue Jays at Oakland Athletics. (Live) MLB
6:30 p.m.: New York Mets at Cincinnati Reds. (Live), SNY. Radio: 880
7 p.m.: Tampa Bay Rays at Boston Red Sox. (Live), NESN. Radio: 1080
7 p.m.: New York Yankees at Pittsburgh Pirates. (Live), YES. Radio: 97.9
7 p.m.: St. Louis Cardinals at Atlanta Braves. (Live) ESPN
10 p.m.: Regional Coverage. (Live) MLB
BASKETBALL
11 a.m.: GLOBL JAM Women's: France vs Belgium. (Live) SPRTNET
1 p.m.: WNBA: Chicago Sky at Minnesota Lynx. (Taped) NBA
6:30 p.m.: GLOBL JAM Women's: Canada vs United States. (Live) SPRTNET
7 p.m.: WNBA: Washington Mystics at Atlanta Dream. (Live) CBSN
9 p.m.: GLOBL JAM Men's: Canada vs United States. (Live) SPRTNET
9 p.m.: Philadelphia 76ers vs Utah Jazz. (Live) ESPN2
10 p.m.: WNBA: New York Liberty at Las Vegas Aces. (Live) CBSN
BICYCLING
8 a.m.: 2022 Tour de France Stage 5. (Live) USA
BOWLING
8 p.m.: Anthony Division Finals. (Live) FS1
GOLF
7 a.m.: Ladies Euro Tour Golf Amundi German Masters, Third Round. (Same-day Tape) GOLF
9 a.m.: Ladies Euro Tour Golf Amundi German Masters, Final Round. (Same-day Tape) GOLF
RUGBY
5:30 a.m. Thu.: NRL Rugby Cronulla-Sutherland Sharks vs Melbourne Storm. (Live) FSP
SOCCER
12:30 p.m.: Women's College: NCAA Tournament: BYU vs Florida State. ESPN
2:30 p.m.: UEFA Women's EURO 2022 England vs Austria. (Live) ESPN
3 p.m.: UEFA Women's EURO 2022 England vs Austria. (Live) ESPN2
TENNIS
8 a.m.: Wimbledon Championships Quarterfinals: Centre Court. (Live) ESPN
8 a.m.: Wimbledon Championships Quarterfinals: No.1 Court. (Live) ESPN2



Aces guard Kelsey Plum (10) loses control of the ball as she is guarded by Lynx guard and former UConn star Evina Westbrook (2), guard Rachel Banham (15) and center Sylvia Fowles (34) during a game in Las Vegas on May 19. STEVE MARCUS/LAS VEGAS SUN

Westbrook

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rung true over the last few months as she's confronted the business side of basketball firsthand. Westbrook, who signed a second seven-day contract with the Mystics on Monday, has navigated a different WNBA path than the one she envisioned, but she's still grateful to be living out her dream of playing in the league. And the experience has shown her that she's stronger than she realized.

"I feel like mentally I can take more," Westbrook told The Courant before Sunday's game. "Every time I've gotten cut it's just poured more gasoline on the fire."

Westbrook was waived by the Storm in May before the start of the season, dealt the same card as many rookies and talented players across the WNBA as teams tried to meet the league's hard salary cap. A week or so later Westbrook signed with the Lynx, where she averaged 2.6 points, 1.4 assists and 1.4 rebounds in 12.3 minutes per game.

Westbrook didn't have any inclination that the Lynx were cutting her until the moment it happened. After the team's home victory over the Phoenix Mercury on June 23, head coach and general manager Cheryl Reeves sat her down and broke the news.

"I kind of took that night to feel sorry for myself and be sad and do all that and be upset," Westbrook said. "But then once the morning hit I was just like just like, 'Whatever happens, I'm just ready to get back in the gym, work as hard as I can.'"

There wasn't much time to process everything. Less than 24 hours later her agent contacted her with interest from the Mystics. The franchise announced it signed the former UConn guard to a seven-day contract on June 27.

From there Westbrook quickly moved out of her apartment and got on a flight to Washington, D.C. But there was another essential task on the agenda: Tell former UConn teammate Christyn Williams, who

Former UConn star Moore reveals birth of son

Former UConn and WNBA star Maya Moore revealed on Good Morning America Tuesday that she and her husband, Jonathan Irons, had their first child.

Jonathan Hughston Irons Jr. was born in February.

Moore, who won two national championships at UConn, four WNBA titles with the Minnesota Lynx and was named the league's MVP in 2014, left basketball at the peak of her career in 2019 to focus on social justice. She was determined to overturn a wrongful conviction and get Irons freed from prison.

Irons was tried and convicted as an adult at 16 years old by an all-white jury for a burglary and shooting he didn't commit. Moore

formed a close friendship with him before her freshman year at UConn through a prison ministry in Missouri, and she went on to spend years fighting for his case before his conviction was overturned after over two decades in July 2020.

Irons proposed to Moore on the night he was released from prison and the pair got married a few months later.

Moore and Irons' love story was documented in "Breakaway," a film produced by Robin Roberts and ESPN's 30 for 30 released last July. That same month, Moore was awarded the Arthur Ashe Courage Award at the 2021 ESPYs for her social justice efforts.

— Lila Bromberg

recording a 3-pointer, three assists and a steal in 11 minutes in a win over the Atlanta Dream. Fudd's parents, who live in the area, even came to cheer her on. Westbrook air-balled her first attempt from deep, but encouragement from her teammates to be aggressive, along with some positive self talk, gave her the confidence to make her second.

"It's just like me telling myself, 'Evina, you're a dog. Play like that,'" Westbrook said. "So just trying to get out of the little shell and the college stuff and try to put my WNBA shorts on and just having that mindset going into each game. ... So the second one, just for it to go in and my teammates' reaction, it's just like, 'Ahhh okay.' It just gave me a sense of calmness."

Westbrook didn't play in the close contest against the Sun, but seeing her former UConn teammates for dinner the night before and again after the game gave Westbrook a similar feeling of ease. She still feels like she's those players' mom or big sister after being called 'Momma E' throughout her time in Storrs.

"Seeing them really does bring me happiness," Westbrook said. "At dinner they're asking me questions like, 'How's it going? How do you feel? Is it crazy?' Blah, blah, blah, all this and that. So I'm able to kind of like tell them what's been going on or even stuff that's going on in the league, like, 'It's a business, but it's fun. Once you guys get here, you guys will really enjoy it.'"

The reality of that business makes it uncertain how much longer Westbrook will be with the Mystics. A player can't sign more than three seven-day contracts with the same team in one season per the WNBA's CBA, and she's now on her second. But after everything she's already navigated, Westbrook is confident in her future.

"No matter what happens, if I'm on a team or I'm not," she said, "I just want [UConn fans] to know I'm gonna be okay. I'm gonna stay in the gym, I'm in the gym all year long. When it comes to this time next year, it's gonna be different."

Griner

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the best women's college athlete at the 2021 ESPYs, she used her acceptance speech to honor Black

women and push for them to receive more media coverage. She also discussed how equity issues influence her approach to NIL deals during Tuesday's interview.

"With every NIL deal that I have my focus is on giving back and prior-

itizing equity on and off the court," Bueckers said. "So when I was first working with Gatorade there was a Gatorade Fuel Tomorrow initiative, which is helping younger kids and younger women and younger minorities have equal opportunities

to play the game, so that was huge for me in just giving back. And I've seen how sports can change lives — it changed mine and it can save lives, it can change lives — so I think it's really important for everybody to get those same opportunities."

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getting consistent production out of their biggest free agent signing in four years, they'll need to see him hit outside pitches to the opposite field with just as much consistency.

"I believe so," manager Alex Cora said. "That's something, playing with the big boys here back in the day, with Manny (Ramirez), he always said the wall was his friend, to stay hard right-center on fast-balls and if they hang one right on time, you hit it out of the ball park..."

"So hopefully that's a good reminder for him that he can do that."

It's easy to assume that the presence of the Monster has Story looking to mash. When he signed here, he made a point to say that it would take him time to get used to it.

Asked Monday, he said playing home games at Fenway Park hasn't affected him.

"I don't think so," he said. "I've always pulled the ball in the air well, but I think when I can drive



The Red Sox's Trevor Story hits a solo homer during the fourth inning of a game against the Rays on Monday at Fenway Park in Boston. MARY SCHWALM/AP

the ball on a line the other way, that's when I'm at my best. The pull-side home runs just kind of come, whether it's on breaking stuff or me just reacting inside. Today was a good sign."

He needed it too.

Story has spent about 80% of his season looking like one of the worst hitters in baseball, while spending about 20% of his season as one of the best.

From the start of the season through May 9, Story ranked 156th out of 174 qualified players

with a .545 OPS. He had yet to hit a single home run.

Then he got hot for about two weeks. From May 10 through May 26, Story ranked ninth out of 185 qualified players with a 1.144 OPS. He racked up nine homers and 27 RBIs in just 15 games.

On paper, he hasn't had a bad season. He has 52 RBIs, which put him on pace to become the first Red Sox second baseman with 100 RBIs since Bobby Doerr in 1950 (Dustin Pedroia's career-high was 91 RBIs in 2011).

METS

July will be make-or-break month for Showalter's club

By Matthew Roberson
New York Daily News

NEW YORK — If it seems like it happened extremely quickly, it's because it did.

The Mets are now 3.5 games up on the second-place Braves entering Tuesday. One month ago, that lead was 8.5, as the Braves had just inched above .500 and the Mets held the best record in the National League. Since then, the Mets are 13-11 while the Braves are 19-7, creating an all-too-familiar tension in Queens.

Even after firing their manager and losing Bryce Harper to a broken thumb, the Phillies have hung around too. The National League East is shaping up to be as difficult as the Mets make it, as Buck Showalter's team still controls the race, but another stretch like the one they just endured could leave them staring at Atlanta's tail lights.

This makes the month of July absolutely critical for the Mets. Winning games, regardless of what the calendar says, is obviously always important. But in looking at the team's upcoming schedule — eight of their remaining games this month are against the Braves, Padres and Yankees — plus the surrounding circumstances in regard to injury, performance and past history, things could get uncomfortably dicey.

After the All-Star break, this roster should be much healthier. Getting Max Scherzer back is both a physical and psychological boost, and Jacob deGrom's eventual return will do the same.

"What do you think he's going to do when he comes up here?" Showalter recently asked. "I don't think he's going to dial it back here. So, get him ready for what he's going to be asked to do up here."

But as his entire career has shown us, nothing is guaranteed when it comes to deGrom's medical status, and rushing him back just to get injured again doesn't do any good. Until they have both of their aces back in the rotation for good, the Mets need to do everything in their power to bank some wins, especially as they finish off this series against the dismal Reds and head to Wrigley Field for four games against the free-falling Cubs before the All-Star Game.

If Chris Bassitt's recent positive COVID test keeps him out for a while, there's more pressure on David Peterson and the bullpen to pick up the slack. Peterson is currently scheduled to pitch on Wednesday in Bassitt's place, and once the rotation the Mets dreamed of (Scherzer, deGrom, Bassitt, Taijuan Walker and Carlos Carrasco) is intact, they can go arm-for-arm with any team in the league.

Yankees

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"It's [as] simple as my bat path through the zone was not good," Carpenter said of the change he had to make. "It was in and out for the last two seasons. I could not get it consistently through the zone and now I feel like my swing

BASEBALL

AMERICAN LEAGUE

EAST	W	L	PCT	GB	WCGB	L10	STR	HOME	AWAY
New York	58	22	.725	—	—	6-4	L-1	34-9	24-13
Boston	45	35	.563	13	+2	6-4	W-2	21-16	24-19
Toronto	44	37	.543	14 ½	+ ½	4-6	L-4	25-18	19-19
Tampa Bay	43	37	.538	15	—	5-5	L-1	25-17	18-20
Baltimore	37	44	.457	21 ½	6 ½	5-5	W-2	19-17	18-27

CENTRAL	W	L	PCT	GB	WCGB	L10	STR	HOME	AWAY
Minnesota	46	37	.554	—	—	6-4	W-1	25-18	21-19
Cleveland	40	38	.513	3 ½	2	4-6	L-2	20-17	20-21
Chicago	38	40	.487	5 ½	4	5-5	L-1	16-22	22-18
Detroit	32	47	.405	12	10 ½	6-4	W-2	21-24	11-23
Kansas City	29	49	.372	14 ½	13	4-6	L-1	14-25	15-24

WEST	W	L	PCT	GB	WCGB	L10	STR	HOME	AWAY
Houston	52	27	.658	—	—	9-1	W-7	25-11	27-16
Seattle	41	42	.494	13	3 ½	7-3	W-4	20-20	21-22
Texas	37	41	.474	14 ½	5	4-6	L-2	17-20	20-21
Los Angeles	37	44	.457	16	6 ½	4-6	L-3	21-23	16-21
Oakland	27	55	.329	26 ½	17	4-6	W-1	9-28	18-27

BOX SCORES

SEATTLE 6, SAN DIEGO 2

Seattle	AB	R	H	BI	SO	AVG
Rodriguez cf	5	1	2	0	3	.277
Crawford ss	4	0	1	2	0	.267
Suarez 3b	5	0	0	0	1	.236
Santana 1b	4	0	1	0	0	.219
Raleigh c	4	0	1	0	1	.195
Toro dh	3	1	0	0	1	.185
Frazier 2b	4	1	1	0	1	.189
Moore rf	3	1	2	2	1	.214
Haggerty lf	4	2	3	2	0	.303
TOTALS	36	6	11	6	8	
San Diego	AB	R	H	BI	SO	AVG
Profar lf	4	0	1	0	0	.244
Machado 3b	5	0	1	0	2	.316
Cronenworth 2b	4	1	0	0	1	.240
Voit dh	4	0	1	0	2	.229
Hosmer 1b	4	0	1	0	1	.272
Mazara rf	4	1	3	0	0	.301
Nola c	3	0	0	0	0	.233
a-Alfaro ph-c	1	0	0	0	1	.172
Grisham cf	3	0	0	0	1	.286
Abrams ss	3	0	1	1	0	.210
TOTALS	35	2	8	1	8	
Seattle	001	300	002	—	6	11
San Diego	001	001	000	—	2	8

a-pinch hit for Nola in the 8th.
E: Frazier (4), Garcia (1).
LOB: Seattle 6, San Diego 11.
2B: Moore 2(3), Machado (19), Mazara (5). **3B:** Crawford (2).
HR: Haggerty (1), off Cleveland.
RBIs: Haggerty 2 (4), Moore 2 (14), Crawford 2 (23), Abrams (8).
SB: Rodriguez (21), Haggerty (3).
CS: Moore 2 (5). **SF:** Abrams.
Runners left in scoring position: Seattle 3(Suarez 2, Rodriguez); San Diego 5(Mazara, Abrams 2, Machado, Hosmer). **RISP:** Seattle 3for 6; San Diego 1for 11. **Runners moved up:** Nola.

SEATTLE	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO	ERA
Gilbert, W, 10-3	5 ½	6	2	1	3	1	2.61
Munoz, H, 8	1 ½	0	0	0	1	3	3.41
Swanson, H, 5	1	1	0	0	0	2	0.79
Sewald	1	1	0	0	0	2	2.64

SAN DIEGO	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO	ERA
Clevinger, L, 2-1	6	6	4	4	2	5	3.34
Garcia	2	1	0	0	0	2	3.41
Rogers	1	4	2	0	0	1	3.48

Pitches-Strikes: Gilbert 101-61; Muñoz 24-17; Swanson 19-11; Sewald 18-13; Clevinger 98-62; Garcia 26-19; Rogers 23-14.
Batters Faced: Gilbert 26; Muñoz 6; Swanson 4; Sewald 4; Clevinger 26; Garcia 7; Rogers 6.
Inherited runners-scored: Munoz 2-1. **HBP:** Clevinger (Crawford).
Umpires: Home, Paul Emmel; First, Pat Hoberg; Second, Brock Ballou; Third, Bruce Drecker.
Time: 3:16. **A:** 29,745(40,209).

LATE MONDAY: N.Y. METS 7, CINCINNATI 4

NY METS	AB	R	H	BI	SO	AVG
Nimmo cf	4	1	2	3	0	.272
Marte rf	5	0	1	0	2	.282
Lindor ss	4	2	2	1	1	.248
Alonso 1b	4	0	1	0	0	.276
McNeil 2b	5	1	2	0	2	.318
Escobar 3b	5	0	1	1	2	.267
Canha lf	3	2	1	0	0	.227
Incarte lf	0	0	0	0	0	.200
Do.Smith dh	4	0	1	2	1	.215
Nido c	4	1	1	0	1	.213
TOTALS	38	7	12	7	9	
Cincinnati	AB	R	H	BI	SO	AVG
India 2b	3	0	0	0	3	.211
Drury 3b	3	1	1	3	0	.270
Pham lf	4	0	0	0	1	.253
Votto 1b	4	0	0	0	2	.210
Moustakas dh	4	0	1	0	2	.215
Almora Jr. rf	3	0	0	0	2	.156
Papierski c	0	0	0	0	0	.235
M-Solano ph	1	0	0	0	0	.235
Senzel cf	4	1	2	1	0	.249
Reynolds ss	3	1	2	0	0	.255
Garcia c	2	1	1	0	1	.221
a-Schrock ph-rf	0	0	0	0	0	.167
TOTALS	33	4	7	4	11	
NY METS	030	012	100	—	7	12
Cincinnati	003	000	100	—	4	7

a-lined out for Garcia in the 7th.
b-grounded out for Papierski in the 9th.
E: India (3). **LOB:** New York 9, Cincinnati 5. **2B:** Canha (6), Do.Smith (8), Alonso (12), Reynolds (6). **HR:** Nimmo (6), off Greene; Lindor (13), off Greene; Drury (17), off Walker; Senzel (2), off Dr.Smith. **RBIs:** Nimmo 3(27), Lindor (57), Do.Smith 2(16), Escobar (37), Drury 3(45), Senzel (14). **CS:** Nimmo (2), India (3). **Runners left in scoring position:** New York 5(Do.Smith, Escobar 2, Marte, Canha); Cincinnati 2(Moustakas, India). **RISP:** New York 4for 12; Cincinnati 1for 6. **Runners moved up:** Alonso, Schrock, Pham.

NY METS	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO	ERA
Walker, W, 7-2	6	4	3	3	1	9	2.67
Dr.Smith	1	2	1	0	1	1	2.86
Holderman, H, 1	1	0	0	0	1	1	2.92
Lugo, S, 3-6	1	1	0	0	0	0	3.45

CINCINNATI	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO	ERA
Greene, L, 3-10	5 ½	7	6	6	1	5	6.01
Sammartin	½	1	0	0	1	1	9.72
Cessa	1	2	1	1	0	1	6.75
Detwiler	1	0	0	0	0	1	4.15
Morota	1	1	0	0	2	2	6.95

Inherited runners-scored: Sammartin 2-1. **HBP:** Greene 2(Lindor, Canha), Walker (Reynolds). **Umpires:** Home, James Hoyer; First, D.J. Reyburn; Second, Alex MacKay; Third, Angel Hernandez. **T:** 3:14. **A:** 19,533(42,319).

AMERICAN LEAGUE LEADERS

BATTING AVG.	G	AB	R	H	AVG.
Arraez Min	73	267	46	93	.348
Devers Bos	78	318	57	104	.327
Bogaerts Bos	76	283	47	90	.318
France Sea	70	275	32	87	.316
Kirk Tor	71	225	40	70	.315
Benintendi KC	77	290	30	87	.314
Alvarez Hou	70	248	51	77	.310
J.Martinez Bos	69	271	45	83	.306
Gimenez Cle	68	223	27	67	.300
Vaughn ChW	60	233	27	70	.300

Home Runs: Judge, New York, 29; Alvarez, Houston, 24; Trout, Los Angeles, 23; Buxton, Minnesota, 22; Rizzo, New York, 22; Stanton, New York, 20; Guerrero Jr., Toronto, 19; Ohtani, Los Angeles, 18; Devers, Boston, 17; 3 tied at 16. **Runs Batted In:** J.Ramirez, Cleveland, 63; Judge, New York, 59; Alvarez, Houston, 57; Tucker, Houston, 56; Stanton, New York, 53; Story, Boston, 53; Guerrero Jr., Toronto, 53; Rizzo, New York, 52; Ohtani, Los Angeles, 51; A.Garcia, Texas, 51.
Pitching: Verlander, Houston, 10-3; Tallon, New York, 9-1; Manoah, Toronto, 9-3; McClanahan, Tampa Bay, 9-3; Gilbert, Seattle, 9-3; F.Valdez, Houston, 8-3; Pivetta, Boston, 8-5; M.Perez, Texas, 7-2; Cole, New York, 7-2; Cimber, Toronto, 7-2. through Monday

LATE MONDAY: HOUSTON 7, KANSAS CITY 6

Kansas City	AB	R	H	BI	SO	AVG
Merrifield 2b	5	1	2	0	1	.237
Benintendi lf	4	1	3	2	0	.314
Witt Jr. ss	4	1	1	0	1	.233
Pasquantino dh	3	0	1	0	0	.176
Dozier 1b	4	0	1	2	0	.259
Melendez c	4	2	2	2	1	.223
Olivares rf	4	0	0	0	3	.286
Isbel rf	0	0	0	0	0	.222
Taylor cf	4	1	1	0	1	.274
Lopez 3b	4	0	0	0	0	.228
TOTALS	36	6	11	6	7	
Houston	AB	R	H	BI	SO	AVG
Altuve 2b	5	0	1	1	0	.278
Pena ss	4	2	1	0	0	.278
Alvarez dh	3	2	1	1	2	.310
Bregman 3b	2	1	0	0	0	.237
Tucker rf	3	0	1	3	0	.259
Gurriel 1b	4	0	1	1	0	.226
Meyers cf	4	1	1	0	0	.273
Dubon lf	4	1	1	1	2	.213
Lee c	2	0	0	0	0	.000
a-Diaz ph	1	0	0	0	1	.211
Maldonado c	0	0	0	0	0	.151
TOTALS	32	7	7	7	5	
Kansas City	221	000	010	—	6	11
Houston	000	110	131	—	7	7

Two outs when winning run scored. a-struck out for Lee in the 8th. **E:** Heasley (1), Pena (12). **LOB:** Kansas City 6, Houston 6. **2B:** Merrifield (18). **3B:** Meyers (1). **HR:** Melendez (7), off Odorizzi; Melendez (8), off Maton; Alvarez (24), off Barlow. **RBIs:** Dozier 2 (27), Benintendi 2(31), Melendez 2(20), Tucker 3(56), Altuve (29), Dubon (8), Gurriel (23), Alvarez (57). **SB:** Merrifield (14). **CS:** Witt Jr. (3). **SF:** Tucker.

Runners left in scoring position: Kansas City 2(Pasquantino, Olivares); Houston 2(Diaz, Gurriel). **RISP:** Kansas City 3for 8; Houston 3for 9. **Runners moved up:** Dubon. **GIDP:** Lopez, Dozier. **DP:** Houston 2(Bregman, Altuve, Gurriel; Altuve, Pena, Gurriel).

KANSAS CITY	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO	ERA
Heasley	6	3	2	1	2	3	4.06
Mills, H, 2	1	1	2	2	2	0	5.76
Garrett	0	1	2	2	2	0	6.75
Clarke, BS, 1-4	1	1	0	0	0	2	4.33
Barlow, L, 2-2	2½	1	1	1	0	0	2.45

HOUSTON	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO	ERA
Odorizzi	4	9	5	5	1	3	4.04
Martinez	3	1	0	0	1	3	0.83
Maton	1	1	1	0	1	1	3.82
Staneik, W, 1-0	1	0	0	0	1	0	0.67

LATE MIDDAY: L.A. DODGERS 5, COLORADO 3						
Colorado	AB	R	H	BI	SO	AVG
Joe dh	3	0	0	0	2	.270
Daza cf	4	0	1	0	1	.314
Bryant lf	4	0	1	0	0	.284
Cron 1b	4	1	1	1	2	.297
Rodgers 2b	4	0	1	0	0	.262
Grichuk rf	4	0	0	0	1	.251
Iglesias ss	4	2	2	1	1	.293
Diaz c	3	0	1	0	0	.214
Hampson 3b	3	0	0	0	2	.227
a-Blackmon ph 1	0	1	1	0	0	.272
1-McMahon pr 0	0	0	0	0	0	.237
TOTALS	34	3	8	3	9	

Colorado	000	010	002	—	3	8
L.A. Dodgers	000	040	10x	—	5	8

a-singled for Hampson in the 9th. 1-ran for Blackmon in the 9th.
LOB: Colorado 7, Los Angeles 6.
2B: Bryant (5), Bellinger (14), T.Turner (20).
HR: Iglesias (2), off Urias; Cron (20), off Moronta; Thompson (2), off Freeland. **RBIs:** Iglesias (22), Cron (65), Blackmon (45), Thompson 3(10), Betts (41), T.Turner (59). **SB:** Joe (6).
Runners left in scoring position: Colorado 4(Cron, Joe, Bryant 2); Los Angeles 3(Thompson, Bellinger, Freeman). **RISP:** Colorado 1for 6; Los Angeles 2 for 6.
Runners moved up: Alberto. **GIDP:** Daza. **DP:** Los Angeles 1(Alberto, Betts, Freeman).

SCOREBOARD

SOCCER

MLS EASTERN	W	L	T	PT	GF	GA
N.Y. Red Bulls	9	5	5	32	29	20
Philadelphia	7	2	9	30	22	13
CF Montréal	9	7	2	29	32	33
New York City FC	8	4	5	29	33	19
Cincinnati	7	7	4	25	29	32
Orlando City	7	7	4	25	23	28
New England	6	5	7	25	29	28
Charlotte FC	7	10	2	23	19	23
Inter Miami CF	6	7	4	22	18	26
Columbus	5	5	7	22	20	18
Atlanta	5	7	5	20	26	26
Toronto FC	5	10	3	18	24	34
D.C. United	5	9	2	17	23	30
Chicago	4	9	5	17	16	24
WESTERN	W	L	T	PT	GF	GA
Los Angeles FC	11	4	3	36	35	19
Austin FC	10	4	4	34	35	22
Real Salt Lake	8	5	5	29	22	22
LA Galaxy	8	6	3	27	24	19
FC Dallas	7	5	6	27	28	21
Nashville	7	5	6	27	24	21
Seattle	8	7	2	26	26	19
Minnesota United	7	8	3	24	23	23
Vancouver	7	8	3	24	19	28
Portland	5	6	8	23	29	29
Houston	6	9	3	21	22	23
Colorado	5	8	4	19	19	24
San Jose	4	7	6	18	27	35
Sporting KC	4	11	4	16	16	33

Three points for win, one point for tie.

FRIDAY'S MATCHES

D.C. United at Philadelphia, 7:30p.m.
LA Galaxy at Los Angeles FC, 10p.m.
Minnesota at Vancouver, 10:30p.m.

SATURDAY'S MATCHES

New England at New York City FC, 1 p.m.
Portland at Seattle, 4:30p.m.
Austin FC at Atlanta, 7p.m.
Nashville at Charlotte FC, 7p.m.
N.Y. Red Bulls at Cincinnati, 7:30p.m.
Sporting KC at CF Montréal, 7:30p.m.
San Jose at Toronto FC, 7:30p.m.
Miami at Orlando City, 8p.m.
Columbus at Chicago, 8p.m.
FC Dallas at Houston, 8:30p.m.
Colorado at Real Salt Lake, 10p.m.

TUESDAY, JULY 12

Houston at Austin FC, 9p.m.

WEDNESDAY, JULY 13

Real Salt Lake at Atlanta, 7:30p.m.
Toronto FC at Chicago, 8p.m.
Vancouver at Cincinnati, 8p.m.
Columbus at D.C. United, 8p.m.
Philadelphia at Miami, 8p.m.
Sporting KC at Minnesota, 8p.m.
Seattle at Nashville, 8:30p.m.
Orlando City at Colorado, 9p.m.
New York City FC at FC Dallas, 9p.m.
San Jose at LA Galaxy, 10p.m.

MONDAY'S RESULTS

D.C. United 5, Orlando City 3
Austin FC 3, Colorado 2
Miami 1, FC Dallas 1
LA Galaxy 4, CF Montréal 0

U.S. OPEN CUP

WEDNESDAY, JULY 27, SEMIFINALS
N.Y. Red Bulls at Orlando City, 7:30p.m.
Sproting Kansas City at
Sacramento Republic FC, 10:30p.m.

NWSL CLUB

CLUB	W	L	T	PT	GF	GA
San Diego FC	6	2	3	21	18	9
Chicago	5	1	4	19	17	10
Portland	4	1	5	17	22	8
OL Reign	4	2	4	16	9	6
Houston	4	3	3	15	16	12
Angel City FC	4	4	2	14	8	10
Kansas City	3	4	3	12	10	14
Louisville	2	4	4	10	12	16
Gotham FC	3	5	0	9	5	12
Washington	1	4	6	9	11	14
Orlando	2	5	3	9	11	26
North Carolina	2	5	1	7	12	14

Three points for win, one point for tie.

FRIDAY'S MATCHES

Houston at Orlando, 7p.m.
Gotham FC at Louisville, 8p.m.

SATURDAY'S MATCH

San Diego FC at Angel City FC, 10:30 p.m.

SUNDAY'S MATCHES

Kansas City at Washington, 5p.m.
North Carolina at Chicago, 6p.m.
Portland at OL Reign, 6p.m.

FRIDAY, JULY 15

Angel City FC at North Carolina, 7:30 p.m.
Louisville at San Diego Wave FC, 10p.m.

U.S. WOMEN'S SCHEDULE (7-0-1)

s-Feb. 17: U.S. 0, Czech Republic 0
s-Feb. 20: U.S. 5, New Zealand 0
s-Feb. 23: U.S. 5, Iceland 0

April 9: U.S. 9, Uzbekistan 1

April 12: U.S. 9, Uzbekistan 0

June 25: U.S. 3, Colombia 0

June 28: U.S. 3, Colombia 0

v-July 4: U.S. 3, Haiti 0

v-Thursdays vs. Jamaica, 7 p.m.

v-Monday: at Mexico, 10p.m.

s-SheBelieves Cup

v-CONCACAF W Championship

WNBA

EAST	W	L	Pct	GB
Chicago	15	5	.750	—
Connecticut	14	7	.667	1½
Washington	13	10	.565	3½
Atlanta	10	11	.476	5½
New York	8	12	.400	7
Indiana	5	18	.217	11½
WEST	W	L	Pct	GB
Las Vegas	15	6	.714	—
Seattle	14	8	.636	1½
Los Angeles	10	11	.476	5
Dallas	9	12	.429	6
Phoenix	9	14	.391	7
Minnesota	7	15	.318	8½

TUESDAY'S RESULTS

Seattle 95, Indiana 73
Connecticut at Dallas, late

WEDNESDAY'S GAMES

Chicago at Minnesota, 1p.m.
Washington at Atlanta, 8p.m.
New York at Las Vegas, 10p.m.

THURSDAY'S GAMES

Chicago at Indiana, 7p.m.
New York at Phoenix, 10p.m.
Seattle at Los Angeles, 10:30p.m.

FRIDAY-MONDAY: All-Star Weekend

SATURDAY ALL-STAR SCHEDULE

Three-Point Contest and
Skills Challenge, 3:00p.m.
SUNDAY'S ALL-STAR GAME
Team Stewart vs. Team Wilson, 1p.m.

MONDAY'S RESULT

Los Angeles 78, Phoenix 75

NBA SUMMER LEAGUE

CALIFORNIA CLASSIC

At San Francisco
Tuesday's results
Miami 94, Golden State 70
Sacramento 87, L.A. Lakers 75

SALT LAKE CITY SUMMER LEAGUE

At Salt Lake City
Tuesday's results
Memphis vs. Philadelphia, late
Oklahoma City vs. Utah, late

Wednesday's games

Memphis vs. Oklahoma City, 7p.m.
Philadelphia vs. Utah, 9p.m.

Thursday's games

Oklahoma City vs. Philadelphia, 6p.m.
Memphis vs. Utah, 8p.m.

NBA 2K23 SUMMER LEAGUE

At Las Vegas

Thursday's games

Houston vs. Orlando, 10p.m.
Portland vs. Detroit, 11:59p.m.

Friday's games

Dallas vs. Chicago, 4p.m.
San Antonio vs. Cleveland, 5p.m.
Charlotte vs. Indiana, 6p.m.
Brooklyn vs. Milwaukee, 7p.m.
Golden State vs. New York, 8p.m.
Denver vs. Minnesota, 9p.m.
Phoenix vs. L.A. Lakers, 10p.m.

TENNIS

135TH WIMBLEDON CHAMPIONSHIPS

Tuesday at The All England Lawn
Tennis and Croquet Club, London, U.K.;
outdoors-grass
MEN'S SINGLES, QUARTERFINALS
#1 Novak Djokovic d. #10 Jannik Sinner,
5-7, 2-6, 6-3, 6-2, 6-2.
#9 Cameron Norrie d. David Goffin,
3-6, 7-5, 2-6, 6-3, 7-5.

WOMEN'S SINGLES, QUARTERFINALS

#3 Ons Jabeur d. Marie Bouzkova,
3-6, 6-1, 6-1.
Tatjana Maria d. Jule Niemeier,
4-6, 6-2, 7-5.

WEDNESDAY FEATURED MATCHES

#2 Rafael Nadal vs. #11Taylor Fritz
Cristian Garin vs. Nick Kyrgios
WOMEN'S FEATURED MATCHES
#16 Simona Halep vs.
#20Amanda Anisimova
#17 Elena Rybakina vs.
Ajla Tomljanovic

STATI OF THE DAY

35: Number of victories for Novak
Djokovic in Grand Slam matches that
go five sets, the most in history.

MEN'S ROAD TO QUARTERFINALS

#1 NOVAK DJOKOVIC

R1: Soon Woo Kwon, 6-3, 3-6, 6-3, 6-4
R2: Thanasi Kokkinakis, 6-1, 6-4, 6-2
R3: #25 Miomir Kecmanovic,
6-0, 6-3, 6-4
R4: Tim van Rijthoven, 6-2, 4-6, 6-1, 6-2
QF: #10 Jannik Sinner, 5-7, 2-6, 6-3,
6-2, 6-2
SF: vs. #9 Cameron Norrie

#2 RAFAEL NADAL

R1: Francisco Cerundolo, 6-4, 6-3, 3-6, 6-4
R2: Ricardas Berankis, 6-4, 6-4, 4-6, 6-3
R3: #27 Lorenzo Sonego, 6-1, 6-2, 6-4
R4: #21 Botic Van De Zandschulp,
6-4, 6-2, 7-6 (8-6)
QF: vs. #11 Taylor Fritz

#9 CAMERON NORRIE

R1: Pablo Andujar, 6-0, 7-6 (7-3), 6-3
R2: Jaume Munar, 6-4, 3-6, 5-7, 6-0, 6-2
R3: Steve Johnson, 6-4, 6-1, 6-0
R4: #30 Tommy Paul, 6-4, 7-5, 6-4
QF: David Goffin, 3-6, 7-5, 2-6, 6-3, 7-5.
SF: vs. #1 Novak Djokovic

#10 JANNIK SINNER

R1: Stan Wawrinka, 7-5, 4-6, 6-3, 6-2
R2: Mikael Ymer, 6-4, 6-3, 5-7, 6-2
R3: #20 John Isner, 6-4, 7-6 (7-4), 6-3
R4: #5 Carlos Alcaraz,
6-1, 6-4, 6-7 (8-10), 6-3
QF: l. to #1 Novak Djokovic,
7-5, 6-2, 3-6, 2-6, 6-2.

#11 TAYLOR FRITZ

R1: Lorenzo Musetti, 6-4, 6-4, 6-3
R2: Alastair Gray, 6-3, 7-6 (7-3), 6-3
R3: Alex Molcan, 6-4, 6-1, 7-6 (7-3)
R4: Jason Murray Kubler, 6-3, 6-1, 6-4
QF: vs. #2 Rafael Nadal

DAVID GOFFIN

R1: Radu Albot, 6-2, 6-2, 7-6 (7-5)
R2: #31 Sebastian Baez, 6-1, 6-2, 6-4
R3: Ugo Humbert, 4-6, 7-5, 6-2, 7-5
R4: #23 Frances Tiafoe,
7-6 (7-3), 5-7, 5-7, 6-4, 7-5
QF: l. to #9 Cameron Norrie,
6-3, 5-7, 6-2, 3-6, 5-7.

CRISTIAN GARIN

R1: Elias Ymer, 6-3, 7-5, 6-4
R2: Hugo Grenier, 6-3, 6-1, 6-1
R3: #29 Jensen Brooksby,
6-2, 6-3, 1-6, 6-4
R4: #19 Alex De Minaur,
2-6, 5-7, 7-6 (7-3), 6-4, 7-6 (10-6)
QF: vs. Nick Kyrgios

NICK KYRGIOS

R1: Paul Jubb, 3-6, 6-1, 7-5, 6-7 (3-7), 7-5
R2: #26 Filip Krajinovic, 6-2, 6-3, 6-1
R3: #4 Stefanos Tsitsipas,
6-7 (2-7), 6-4, 6-3, 7-6 (9-7)
R4: Brandon Nakashima,
4-6, 6-4, 7-6 (7-2), 3-6, 6-2
QF: vs. Cristian Garin

WOMEN'S ROAD TO QUARTERS

#3 ONS JABEUR

R1: Mirjam Bjorklund, 6-1, 6-3
R2: Katarzyna Kawa, 6-4, 6-0
R3: Diane Parry, 6-2, 6-3
R4: #24 Elise Mertens, 7-6 (11-9), 6-4
QF: Marie Bouzkova, 3-6, 6-1, 6-1.
SF: vs. Tatjana Maria

#16 SIMONA HALEP

R1: Karolina Muchova, 6-3, 6-2
R2: Kirsten Flipkens, 7-5, 6-4
R3: Magdalena Frech, 6-4, 6-1
R4: #4 Paula Badosa, 6-1, 6-2
QF: vs. #20 Amanda Anisimova

#17 ELENA RYBAKINA

R1: Coco Vandeweghe, 7-6 (7-2), 7-5
R2: Bianca Andreescu, 6-4, 7-6 (7-5)
R3: Qinwen Zheng, 7-6 (7-4), 7-5
R4: Petra Martic, 7-5, 6-3
QF: vs. Ajla Tomljanovic

#20 AMANDA ANISIMOVA

R1: Yue Yuan, 6-3, 6-4
R2: Lauren Davis, 2-6, 6-3, 6-4
R3: #11 Coco Gauff, 6-7 (4-7), 6-2, 6-1
R4: Harmony Tan, 6-2, 6-3
QF: vs. 16 Simona Halep

MARIE BOUZKOVA

R1: #7 Danielle Collins, 5-7, 6-4, 6-4
R2: Ann Li, 6-0, 6-3
R3: #28 Alison Riske-Amritraj, 6-2, 6-3
R4: Caroline Garcia, 7-5, 6-2
QF: l. to #3 Ons Jabeur, 6-3, 1-6, 1-6.

TATJANA MARIA

R1: Astra Sharma, 4-6, 6-3, 6-4
R2: #26 Sorana Cirstea, 6-3, 1-6, 7-5
R3: #5 Maria Sakkarí, 6-3, 7-5
R4: #12 Jelena Ostapenko, 5-7, 7-5, 7-5
QF: Jule Niemeier, 4-6, 6-2, 7-5.
SF: vs. #3 Ons Jabeur

JULE NIEMEIER

R1: Xiyi Wang, 6-1, 6-4
R2: #2 Anett Kontaveit, 6-4, 6-0
R3: Lesia Tsurenko, 6-4, 3-6, 6-3
R4: Heather Watson, 6-2, 6-4
QF: l. to Tatjana Maria, 6-4, 2-6, 5-7.

AJLA TOMLIJANOVIC

R1: #18 Jil Teichmann, 6-2, 6-3
R2: Catherine Harrison, 6-2, 6-2
R3: #13 Barbora Krejickova, 2-6, 6-4, 6-3
R4: Alize Cornet, 4-6, 6-4, 6-3
QF: vs. #17 Elena Rybakina

WTA GRAND EST OPEN 88

Tennis Club de Contrexeville, Contrex-
eville, France, Red clay-outdoors
WOMEN'S SINGLES, ROUND OF 32
Olga Danilovic d. #2 Varvara Gracheva,
6-4, 6-2.
#3 Jasmine Paolini d. Bernarda Pera,
0-6, 6-2, 6-1.
Erika Andreeva d. #4 Oceane Dodin,
6-3, 7-6(5).
#5 Arantxa Rus d. Julie Gervais,
6-0, 6-3.
#6 Dalma Galfi d. Kristina Mladenovic,
6-7(5), 6-4, 6-3.
Cristina Bucsa d. Maria Carle, 6-2, 6-3.
Sara Errani d. Oksana Selekhmeteva,
7-6(5), 6-3.
Alexandra Cadantu-Ignatik d.
Margaux Rouvroy, 6-4, 6-1.
Anna Blinkova d. Stefanie Voegelé,
6-1, 6-3.
Jessica Ponchet d.
Andrea Lazaro Garcia, 6-1, 4-6, 6-3.

WTA NORDEA OPEN

Bastad Tennis Stadium, Bastad,
Sweden, Red clay-outdoors
WOMEN'S SINGLES, ROUND OF 32
#4 Rebecca Peterson d. Malene Helgo,
6-4, 6-2.
#5 Panna Udvardy d. Valentini
Grammatikopoulou, 6-2, 7-5.
Mirjam Bjorklund d. #7 Misaki Doi,
6-4, 4-6, 6-2.
Leolia Jeanjean d. Varvara Flink,
6-2, 6-3.
Mihaela Buzarnescu d.
Elisabetta Cocciaretto, 6-4, 6-2.
Cajsa Wilda Hennemann d.
Renata Zarazua, 6-4, 2-6, 6-1.
Yuan Yue d. Olivia Tjandramulla,
6-3, 6-1.
Katarina Zavatska d.
Francesca Di Lorenzo, 6-4, 6-2.
Viktoriya Tomova d.
Jacqueline Cabaj Awad, 6-3, 6-2.

GOLF

JP MCMANUS PRO-AM

Final round, Individual, Adare Manor
Hotel & Resort, Co. Limerick, Ireland
Par: 72
Xander Schauffele -10 64 70 134
Sam Burns -9 70 65 135
Shane Lowry -8 69 67 136
Tyrell Hatton -7 68 69 137
Padraig Harrington -6 74 64 138
Rickie Fowler -5 67 72 139
Justin Thomas -5 72 67 139
Rory McIlroy -5 71 68 139
Lee Westwood -4 72 68 140
Collin Morikawa -4 71 69 140
Brooks Koepka -4 69 71 140
Pat Perez -4 74 66 140
Adam Scott -3 70 71 141
Dustin Johnson -3 70 71 141
Seamus Power -2 69 73 142
Graeme McDowell -2 71 71 142
Berni Wiesberger -2 73 69 142
Patrick Cantlay -2 73 69 142
Justin Rose -2 71 71 142
Paul Casey -2 72 70 142
Martin Kaymer -1 71 72 143
Bryson DeChambeau -1 72 71 143

CHAMPIONS TOUR STATISTICS

Charles Schwab Cup money leaders
1, Steven Alker, \$2,017,615. 2,
Miguel Angel Jiménez, \$1,330,415.
3, Padraig Harrington, \$1,259,583. 4,
Steve Stricker, \$1,140,700. 5, Bern-
hard Langer, \$951,776. 6, Jerry Kelly,
\$942,808. 7, Stephen Ames, \$861,209. 8,
Retief Goosen, \$838,089. 9, Thongchai
Jaidee, \$685,619. 10, Ernie Els, \$610,972.

Scoring Average

1, Steven Alker, 68.19. 2, Miguel Angel
Jiménez, 68.91. 3, Jerry Kelly, 69.45. 4,
Padraig Harrington, 69.50. 5, Bernhard
Langer, 69.52. 6, David Toms, 69.53. 7,
Ernie Els, 69.56. 8, Retief Goosen, 69.66.
9, Paul Broadhurst, 69.83. 10 (tie), Doug
Barron, 70.03. 10 (tie), Brandt Jobe, 70.03.

Driving Distance

1, Padraig Harrington, 299.3. 2, Brandt
Jobe, 298.3. 3, Scott Parel, 297.2. 4, Scott
McCarron, 297. 5, Thongchai Jaidee, 296.8.
6, Vijay Singh, 296. 7, Darren Clarke, 295.9.
8, Retief Goosen, 294.3. 9, Ernie Els, 294.1.
10, 2 tied with 292.8.

Greens in Regulation Pct.

1, Steven Alker, 78.47%. 2, Jerry Kelly,
75.58%. 3, David Branshaw, 74.80%. 4,
Thongchai Jaidee, 73.99%. 5, Padraig
Harrington, 73.89%. 6, Retief Goosen,
73.65%. 7, Woody Austin, 73.06%. 8,
Joe Durant, 72.99%. 9, Scott Dunlap,
72.76%. 10, David Toms, 72.74%.

Total Driving

1, Scott Parel, 18. 2, Miguel Angel
Jiménez, 33

NATIONAL SPORTS REPORT

SHORTS

Kyrgios facing allegation of assault



Wimbledon quarterfinalist Nick Kyrgios is due in court back home in Australia next month, and a lawyer representing him said Tuesday the “precise nature of” the allegations “is neither certain at this moment nor confirmed by either the prosecution or” the 27-year-old tennis player. Kyrgios practiced at the All England Club on Tuesday, and the All England Club confirmed he’s scheduled to play his match Wednesday. “While Mr. Kyrgios is committed to addressing any and all allegations once clear, taking the matter seriously does not warrant any misreading of the process Mr. Kyrgios is required to follow,” attorney Pierre Johannessen wrote in a statement. Johannessen wrote that “the allegations are not considered as fact” by the court, and Kyrgios is not “considered charged” with an offense until a first appearance in court. The Canberra Times reported that Kyrgios is supposed to appear in court Aug. 2. The newspaper cited local police as saying that a 27-year-old Australian man is involved in a case about “common assault following an incident in December 2021.”

History: Grier NHL’s 1st Black GM



The Sharks’ three-month search for a general manager ended with a barrier-breaking hire as the team made longtime NHL forward Mike Grier the first Black GM in league history. “It’s not something I take lightly,” Grier said at a news conference Tuesday. “I realize there’s a responsibility. But I’m up for it.” Team President Jonathan Becher acknowledged the history-making nature of the hire as well. “I hope you do serve as an inspiration to lots of people and that I hope you’re the first and certainly not the last,” Becher told Grier, who spent three of his 14 seasons as a player with the Sharks from 2006-09. He retired in 2011, and has spent time in the league as a scout, an assistant coach and hockey operations adviser/assistant GM. The hire comes less than a week after the Sharks announced that coach Bob Boughner and three of his assistants wouldn’t return next season. Grier will have to get to work quickly, dealing with the draft Thursday and Friday, the start of free agency next week and the need to hire a coaching staff and build up the front office.

Late NFL WR Thomas had CTE



Former NFL receiver Demaryius Thomas is the latest in a growing list of football players diagnosed with CTE. His family said Tuesday that researchers found that Thomas, who died in December at age 33, suffered from chronic traumatic encephalopathy. The four-time Pro Bowler was dealing with depression, anxiety and other CTE symptoms at the time of his death. CTE, a degenerative brain disease which can only be diagnosed posthumously, has been found in hundreds of former NFL players. Hall of Fame linebacker Junior Seau had CTE when he died in 2012 of a self-inflicted gunshot wound. Boston University CTE Center researchers discovered that Thomas was at stage 2 following a brain study through the Concussion Legacy Foundation. Thomas’ family released the findings of the study. Stage 2 CTE is associated with “progressive behavior, cognitive and mood abnormalities.” Thomas played 10 seasons in the NFL for the Broncos, Jets, and Texans. He won a Super Bowl with the Broncos and Peyton Manning following the 2015 season. —Associated Press



Novak Djokovic reacts after hitting a winner while sliding to the ground during his victory Tuesday at Wimbledon. SEBASTIEN BOZON/AFP-GETTY

WIMBLEDON

Bumpy ride, safe landing

Djokovic ‘always believed’ he’d rally for quarterfinal win

By Howard Fendrich
Associated Press

WIMBLEDON, England — It says a lot about Novak Djokovic that a two-sets-to-none hole at Wimbledon on a day he was hardly at his best never seemed insurmountable. Not to him. Not to anyone watching. Says a lot about his history of overcoming that sort of deficit. A lot about his ability to adjust, to adapt and to right himself. A lot about his preeminence at the All England Club in recent years. Djokovic spotted 10th-seeded Jannik Sinner of Italy the huge lead Tuesday, then worked his way back to win 5-7, 2-6, 6-3, 6-2, 6-2 at Centre Court, earning an 11th semi-final berth at Wimbledon with his 26th consecutive victory at the grass-court Grand Slam tournament. “I always believed,” said Djokovic, who faces ninth-seeded Cam Norrie of Britain next, “that I could turn the match around.” Among men, only Roger Federer has made more semifinal appearances at Wimbledon with 13 and won more championships (eight) than the seven Djokovic could reach by lifting the trophy Sunday for what would be a fourth year in a row. “He makes you play differently — well, not differently, but in a way that he likes,” Sinner said. Djokovic was responsible for just one of Wednesday’s comebacks: In all four singles quarterfinals on a sunny day, the player who dropped the first set ended up victorious. Norrie edged David Goffin of Belgium 3-6, 7-5, 2-6, 6-3, 7-5; No. 3 Ons Jabeur of Tunisia beat Marie Bouzkova of the Czech Republic 3-6, 6-1, 6-1; Tatjana Maria defeated Jule

Niemeier 4-6, 6-2, 7-5 in an all-German matchup. Norrie, Jabeur and Maria all earned the right to make their Slam semifinal debuts. “Can’t enjoy it too much now,” said Norrie, 26, who was born in South Africa to British parents, grew up in New Zealand and played college tennis at Texas Christian University. “Just get ready for Novak in a couple days.” The 103rd-ranked Maria is, at 34, the oldest first-time women’s semifinalist at a major and only the sixth woman at least that old to get this far at Wimbledon in the professional era, which began in 1968. The others? Quite a list: Martina Navratilova, Billie Jean King, Chris Evert, Serena Williams and Venus Williams. Djokovic, a 35-year-old from Serbia, managed his seventh career comeback in a match in which he trailed by two sets — he last did it in the 2021 French Open final against Stefanos Tsitsipas — and improved to 37-10 in five-setters. That includes a 10-1 mark in matches that go the distance at Wimbledon, including nine straight victories; the lone loss came in 2006. “He’s been in this situation many times,” the 20-year-old Sinner said. “That helps.” Tuesday’s match brought Sinner’s major quarterfinal appearance total to three, which is exactly 50 fewer than Djokovic’s. Sinner has shown enormous potential, reaching the quarterfinals at the 2020 French Open before losing to Rafael Nadal and the 2022 Australian Open before losing to Tsitsipas. As for grass? Sinner was 0-4 until last week. But he got win No. 1 at Wimbledon by eliminating three-time major champion Stan Wawrinka and then beat a pair of seeded foes: No. 20 John Isner and No. 5 Carlos Alcaraz. On Tuesday, Sinner went up a set and a break when Djokovic sailed a backhand long, then bowed his head. Sinner broke again for

5-2, and soon enough, 1 ½ hours in, was a set from the biggest triumph of his career. Before the start of the third, Djokovic headed toward the locker room for a bathroom break, just like he did at Roland Garros against Tsitsipas 13 months ago. “You approach these particular situations when you’re two sets down a bit more calmly, a bit more confident,” Djokovic said, “with more self-belief.” When play resumed, Djokovic was so much better than he had been. “Two different matches,” he said. After 19 unforced errors over the initial two sets, he made 14 over the final three. After getting broken four times over two sets, he won all 13 of his service games the rest of the way.

At a glance

LOOKAHEAD TO WEDNESDAY: Four more quarterfinals are scheduled, with two Americans playing on Centre Court. Two-time Slam champ Simona Halep faces 20th-seeded Amanda Anisimova of the U.S. in the day’s first match in the main stadium. Halep won the 2019 title. Rafael Nadal then takes on Taylor Fritz. The 11th-seeded American beat Nadal in this year’s Indian Wells final. The second-seeded Nadal is halfway to a calendar-year Slam. On No. 1 Court, two Australians are in action. Ajla Tomljanovic faces Elena Rybakina of Kazakhstan before Nick Kyrgios plays Cristian Garin of Chile.

TUESDAY’S RESULTS
Women’s quarterfinals: No. 3 Ons Jabeur beat Marie Bouzkova 3-6, 6-1, 6-1; Tatjana Maria beat Jule Niemeier 4-6, 6-2, 7-5.
Men’s quarterfinals: No. 1 Novak Djokovic beat No. 10 Jannik Sinner 5-7, 2-6, 6-3, 6-2, 6-2; No. 9 Cameron Norrie beat David Goffin 3-6, 7-5, 2-6, 6-3, 7-5.

NHL DRAFT

Ukraine war adds level of uncertainty

By John Wawrow
Associated Press




The war in Ukraine has added to a level of uncertainty for NHL teams interested in drafting Russia-born prospects because of questions regarding their availability to play in North America. While no team has openly stated it would avoid selecting Russians altogether in the two-day draft in Montreal that opens Thursday, there’s the potential of Russia being shut out in the first round for the first time since 2005. “I don’t know if anybody has the answer,” said Kraken GM Ron Francis, whose team has 12 picks over seven rounds, including No. 4 overall. “It’s certainly unknown right now so it makes it a little more riskier than years past.” While there has always been a risk of Russian prospects deciding to stay home to play, the concerns are greater now with travel restrictions in place during the war for anyone wishing to travel to or from Russia and Belarus. NHL executives are left to wonder if a pick will actually be allowed out. It doesn’t help that NHL and its Russian-based counterpart, the Kontinental Hockey League, don’t have a transfer agreement in place. That prevents NHL teams from buying out KHL contracts, a hurdle for any GM hoping to raid the world’s second-best league. Without disclosing his strategy, Canadiens GM Kent Hughes said it will be up to each team to weigh the risks of selecting a Russian player. “It’s simple enough to say that the war creates a level of complexity or more uncertainty,” Hughes told The AP. “Any team has to balance the uncertainty of it with the potential of the player.” Last week, Flyers goalie prospect Ivan Fedotov was suddenly assigned to a remote military base in northern Russia, according to the player’s agent, J.P. Barry. Selected in the seventh round of the 2015 draft, Fedotov signed with the Flyers in May after completing his contract with CSKA Moscow in the KHL. “I think in years past, there’s probably a little bit of concern — just is the guy going to come over?” Francis said before specifically referencing Fedotov. “This is probably on a different magnitude.”

While the NHL hasn’t issued any directives regarding drafting Russian players, Deputy Commissioner Bill Daly said the uncertainty could lead to teams being more hesitant. “Would it surprise me if some slip in where they’re projected to go based on the inability to access them? Potentially,” Daly said. This year’s draft class includes several Russian prospects with first-round potential under normal circumstances. Defenseman Pavel Mintyukov is ranked sixth among North American skaters by NHL Central Scouting because he played in the Ontario Hockey League last season. Wings Danila Yurov and Ivan Miroschnichenko, who played in Russia, are among the top 10-ranked European skaters. Miroschnichenko’s situation is more complicated because he was unable to complete his season after being diagnosed with Hodgkin’s lymphoma in March. He has since completed his treatments and plans to attend the draft. Central Scouting chief Dan Marr is confident Russian players will be selected but won’t guess how long they might have to wait. “I wouldn’t want to try and guess as to what the NHL clubs are thinking,” Marr said. “If you’re sitting there and you’ve got a solid prospect for the NHL, are you going to go by him or do you want to step up and take him, and cross your fingers and hope that the world is in a different place a couple of years from now.” Last year, 29 Russian players were drafted.

AP writers Stephen Whyno and Tim Booth contributed to this story.

WEATHER

WEDNESDAY






Partly sunny and warm. Turning less humid. Northwest winds at 5 to 10 mph.

HIGH 87°

LOW 62°

THURSDAY






Partly sunny and turning more humid in the afternoon.

HIGH 81°

LOW 64°

FRIDAY






Mostly cloudy with scattered showers, a thunderstorm is possible, humid.

HIGH 82°

LOW 62°

SATURDAY






Sunny and less humid.

HIGH 81°

LOW 56°

SUNDAY







Sunny and pleasant.

HIGH 82°

LOW 58°

CONNECTICUT WEATHER

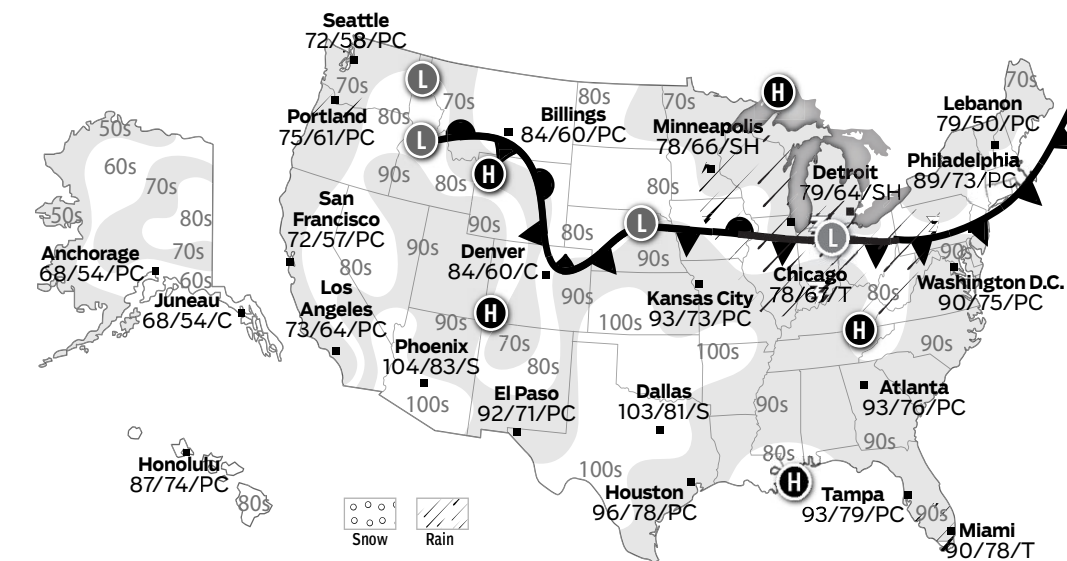
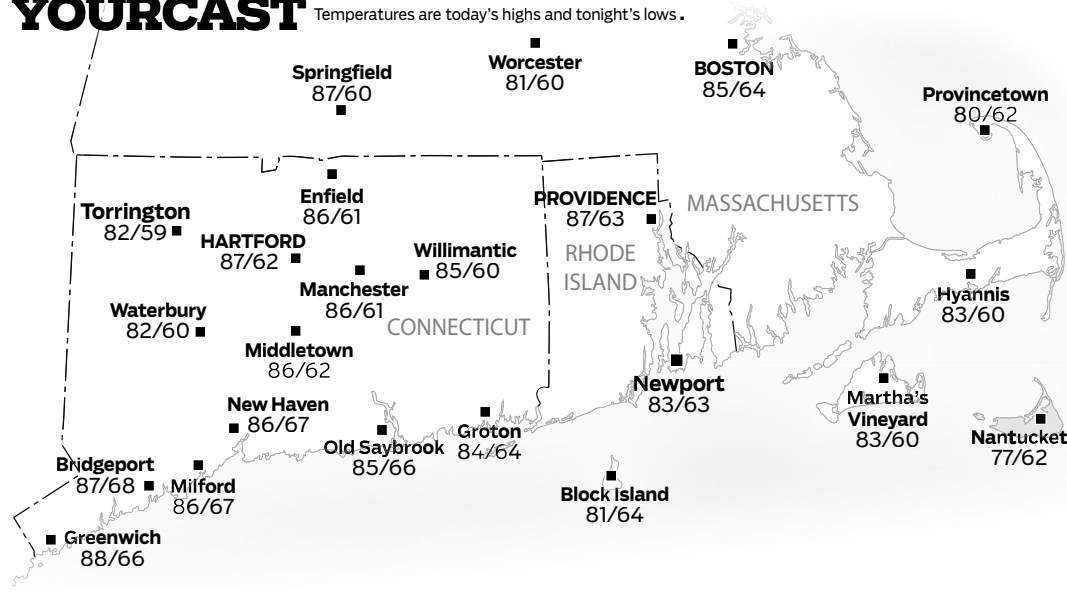
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YOURCAST

Temperatures are today's highs and tonight's lows.



OUTLOOK

A weak cold front crossing the state on Wednesday will bring partly sunny skies in the morning, but as the front moves south and east of the region during the afternoon the sky should become mostly sunny. It will be turning less humid through the day with dew points dropping from the mid and upper 60s early on into the upper 50s late in the day, at least in northwestern portions of the state. It will remain moderately humid with dew points in the lower 60s in southern areas. It will be a warm day with highs in the 80s, even along the shoreline thanks to northwest winds.

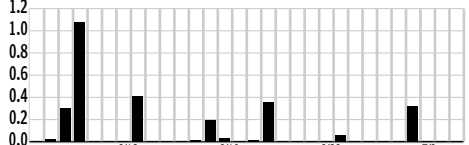
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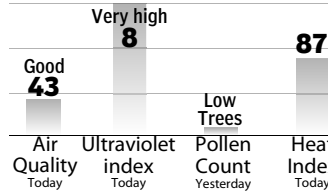
Precipitation In Inches	Total	Normal
Yesterday (by 7 p.m.)	Trace	0.12
Month to date	0.32	0.60
Total this year	20.49	22.77

Precipitation, temperature at Windsor Locks

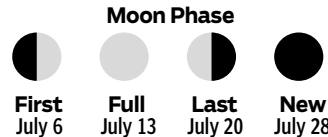
30-day Precipitation History In Inches



Air Quality Forecast For Today



	Today	Tomorrow
Sunrise	5:22 a.m.	5:23 a.m.
Sunset	8:28 p.m.	8:28 p.m.
Moonrise	12:37 p.m.	1:45 p.m.
Moonset	12:19 a.m.	12:41 a.m.



Tides	High	Low	Temp.
N.L. State Pier	3:02 a.m.	9:38 a.m.	67°
Saybrook Jetty	4:13 a.m.	10:31 a.m.	67°
Connecticut River at Portland	7:43 p.m.	2:17 p.m.	
Madison	4:30 a.m.	10:39 a.m.	69°
New Haven	4:50 a.m.	11:03 a.m.	70°
Stamford	4:54 a.m.	11:17 a.m.	71°
River Stage at Hartford:	2.22 feet at 6:30 p.m.		
Boating Weather	L.I. Sound W PCloudy	L.I. Sound E PCloudy	B.I. Sound PCloudy
Wind	W/NW, 5-15	W, 10-15	W, 10-15
Seas	1-2 ft.	2-3 ft.	4-6 ft.

Temperature	High	Low
Tuesday	84 at 1:30 p.m.	63 at 4:48 a.m.
Normal for date	85	63
Record for date	99 in 1999	46 in 1979
A year ago	77	58
Range this year	94	-2

AROUND THE WORLD

Today's forecast in cities not included in the maps above:

NEW ENGLAND

Bangor	74 50 PC
Burlington	76 54 PC
Caribou	70 48 PC
Concord	81 53 PC
Montpelier	73 48 PC
Mt. Wash.	73 48 PC
Portland	80 57 PC
Woods Hole	82 62 PC

NATION

Albany	81 57 PC
Albuquerque	89 66 PC
Atlantic City	90 71 PC

Baltimore	89 73 PC
Bismarck	81 60 PC
Boise	93 66 PC
Buffalo	76 61 PC
Charleston	93 78 PC
Cincinnati	90 72 T
Cleveland	80 68 T
Indianapolis	90 70 T
Jacksonville	94 75 PC
Las Vegas	101 77 S
Miami Beach	87 81 T
Milwaukee	73 62 T

Nashville	94 74 PC
New Orleans	92 79 PC
New York	89 71 PC
Oklahoma City	102 74 S
Omaha	84 70 SH
Orlando	93 76 PC
Pittsburgh	84 68 SH
Raleigh	96 75 PC
St. Louis	99 78 PC
Salt Lake City	97 72 PC
San Antonio	100 78 PC
San Diego	75 66 PC

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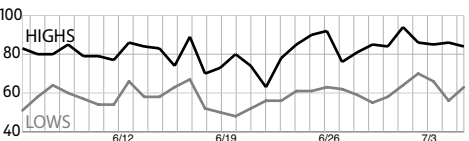
San Juan	89 77 SH
Tucson	100 73 S
Budapest	84 59 S
Buenos Aires	59 45 C
Cairo	97 74 S
Cancun	89 76 T
Dubai	104 91 PC
Dublin	68 54 C
Edinburgh	64 54 C
Helsinki	72 55 PC
Hong Kong	86 81 SH
Istanbul	88 72 PC
Jerusalem	84 68 S
Johannesburg	66 45 S
Singapore	93 77 T

Stockholm	68 50 SH
Sydney	64 54 SH
Tel Aviv	85 69 PC
Tokyo	81 75 R
Toronto	77 59 SH
Vancouver	68 59 SH
Warsaw	75 55 SH
Moscow	81 68 R
Nassau	88 79 T
New Delhi	93 81 R
Paris	79 61 C
Prague	73 54 PC
Rio de Janeiro	90 59 PC
Rome	97 73 C
Seoul	90 79 C

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30-day Temperature History



Atmosphere	High	Low
Barometer	30.10 at 12 a.m.	29.89 at 7 p.m.
Dew point	63° at 7 p.m.	54° at 12 a.m.

CELTICS

Summer League roster low on star power, but has some intriguing names

By Adam Himmelsbach
Boston Globe

BOSTON — The Celtics have not had first-round picks in the last two drafts, and last week they agreed to trade 2020 first-rounder Aaron Nesmith to the Pacers in the Malcolm Brogdon deal, so it's no surprise that Boston's summer league roster is low on star power.

But there are some familiar and intriguing

names. The lone player on a full NBA contract is Sam Hauser, who last weekend agreed to a three-year deal. The Celtics are hopeful that the sharp-shooting forward can become a contributor next season, and that possibility would be jump-started by a strong showing in Las Vegas.

The roster also includes rookie guard JD Davison, the 53rd overall pick of last month's draft, along with

2021 second-round pick Juhann Begarin, who spent last season playing professionally in France.

Guards Matt Ryan and Brodrick Thomas, who were on two-way deals with the Celtics last season, are on the summer squad and could be vying for one of the final regular roster spots.

Forward Mfiongu Kabengele was a 2019 first-round pick of the Nets, forward Trevion Williams

is an intriguing undrafted free agent from Purdue, and Roxbury native and former Providence College star A.J. Reeves gives the squad some local flavor. The team will be coached by Celtics assistant Ben Sullivan, who could be under consideration to replace Will Hardy in the No. 2 slot on coach Ime Udoka's bench.

The Celtics open summer league play on Saturday at 5:30 against the Heat.



UConn head coach Jim Mora celebrates during the UConn Football Blue/White Football Showcase at Joseph J. Morrone Stadium on April 22 in Storrs. JESSICA HILL/SPECIAL TO THE COURANT

UConn

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sylvania, and receiver Jarvis Jones on UConn's still-growing list in June.

Jones, who was the first in the Class of 2023 to commit, lives in West Orange, New Jersey — a town over from this year's projected first-string quarterback, Penn State transfer Ta'Quan Roberson.

"I actually talked to him the same night I committed," Jones said. "We were just talking about how there [are] big things coming to Storrs and talking about the offense a little bit."

Carsten Casady, a three-star defensive lineman from Rolesville High

School in North Carolina, committed to the Huskies on June 24 and is planning on switching to the offensive side of the ball in Storrs.

"I can tell (the coaches) have a mission, and they're following that hard," Casady said.

Cornerbacks Cameron Chadwick from Immaculata in Somerville, New Jersey and Christopher Hudson — who attends St. Thomas More School in Oakdale — posted their video announcements on Friday and Monday, respectively.

In addition to the 11 commits for 2023, UConn nabbed two three-star offensive line transfers in Kyle Juergens from Boise State and Dayne Shor from Alabama, who are already on campus.

After 6-foot-5, 267-pound defensive end and offensive tackle Toluwanimi Tunde from Canada Prep Academy announced his commitment on Monday, the UConn fans were left wondering what is next in Storrs. Rebuilds, especially in college sports, tend to be major red flags that cause recruits to shy away and look elsewhere for stability and a proven shot at the next level. UConn's case is completely different.

"I understand it, too," Jones said. "I get to build my own legacy. I get to be a part of something special. Everybody's sleeping right now."

"It doesn't take too long to turn a program around with the right people."

LOCAL BASEBALL

AMERICAN LEAGUE

TUESDAY'S RESULTS

Zone 1	MERIDEN AT WEST HARTFORD, LATE
Zone 2	BRISTOL AT SIMSBURY, LATE
Zone 3	MADISON AT NEW HAVEN, LATE
Zone 4	RCP POST 2, SOUTH WINDSOR 0
Zone 5	NORTHEAST 9, ENFIELD 5
Zone 6	EHM AT TRI-COUNTY, LATE
Zone 7	Others
Zone 8	BELL CITY AT SIMSBURY, LATE

WEDNESDAY'S SCHEDULE

Zone 1:	Simsbury at Torrington, 5:30 p.m.
Zone 2:	New Haven at Madison, 5:45 p.m.
Zone 3:	Ellington at Enfield, 5:45p.m.; Northeast at South Windsor, 6:30p.m.; RCP Post at Middletown, 7p.m.

CONNECTICUT TWILIGHT LEAGUE

TUESDAY'S RESULT
ROCK CATS AT ANGELS, LATE

WEDNESDAY'S SCHEDULE

At Dunkin' Donuts Park, Hartford
Aftershock vs. Orioles, 6p.m.
Black Sox vs. Dodgers, 8:30p.m.

GREATER HARTFORD TWILIGHT LEAGUE

TUESDAY'S RESULT
EXPOS AT JETS, LATE

WEDNESDAY'S SCHEDULE

Colts at Phillies, 6p.m.
Greeners at Cardinals, 8p.m.

PETE KOKINIS BASEBALL LEAGUE

TUESDAY'S RESULTS

19u	ROCKY HILL AT AHERN WHALEN-MIDDLETOWN, LATE
18u	PLAINVILLE DEVILS AT FARMINGTON, LATE
17u	COPPERHEADS-TORRINGTON AT NEW BRITAIN PARKS AND REC, LATE

16u

NOR'EASTERS-NEWINGTON 11, AHERN WHALEN-MIDDLETOWN 1

Note: Jacob Trimmer tossed a complete game for the win. Cole Gieras had 2hits, 3RBI and Fletcher Swart had 2hits for Newington.

WEST HARTFORD THUNDER AT STAFFORD ROYALS, LATE

14u

NEWINGTON RAIDERS AT AHERN WHALEN-MIDDLETOWN, LATE

WEDNESDAY'S SCHEDULE

19u: Southington Hitmen at New Britain Parks and Rec, 7p.m.

16u: Stafford Royals at Nor'Easters-Newington, 5:45p.m.; West Hartford Thunder at Copperheads-Torrington, 5:45p.m.

14u: Newington at Farmington (2), 5 p.m.; Aherh Whalen-Middletown at CT Bulldogs-Wethersfield, 5:45p.m.

EASTERN LEAGUE

Standings	W	L	PCT	GB
Northeast				
Hartford	47	29	.618	—
Somerset	47	29	.618	—
Portland	35	41	.461	12
New Hampshire	33	43	.434	14
Reading	33	43	.434	14
Binghamton	31	45	.408	16
Southwest	W	L	PCT	GB
Erie	43	32	.573	—
Akron	42	32	.568	1.5
Richmond	42	34	.553	1.5
Altoona	37	38	.493	6
Bowie	32	44	.421	11.5
Harrisburg	32	44	.421	11.5

MONDAY'S LATE RESULTS

HARTFORD 10, NEW HAMPSHIRE 5
ERIE 9, HARRISBURG 7
RICHMOND 15, READING 7
PORTLAND 11, BINGHAMTON 3
SOMERSET 1, BOWIE 0

WEDNESDAY'S SCHEDULE

Erie at Harrisburg, 6:30p.m.
Reading at Richmond, 6:30p.m.
Portland at Binghamton, 6:30p.m.
Altoona at Akron, 6:30p.m.
Hartford at New Hampshire, 7p.m.
Bowie at Somerset, 7p.m.

WNBA

Standings	W	L	PCT	GB
Eastern				
Chicago	15	5	.750	—
Connecticut	14	7	.667	1.5
Washington	13	10	.565	3.5
Atlanta	10	11	.476	5.5
New York	8	12	.400	7
Indiana	5	17	.227	11
Western	W	L	PCT	GB
19u				
Las Vegas	15	6	.714	—
Seattle	13	8	.619	2
Los Angeles	10	11	.476	5
Dallas	9	12	.429	6
Phoenix	9	14	.391	7
Minnesota	7	15	.318	8.5

MONDAY'S LATE RESULT

LOS ANGELES 78, PHOENIX 75

TUESDAY'S RESULTS

SEATTLE AT INDIANA, LATE
CONNECTICUT AT DALLAS, LATE

WEDNESDAY'S SCHEDULE

Chicago at Minnesota, 1p.m.
Washington at Atlanta, 8p.m.
New York at Las Vegas, 10p.m.

Property of the Week
SUNDAYS IN CTHOME & Real Estate

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